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KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

HOLDS THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

MANY INTERESTING ADDRESSES MADE

Prof. S. G. Atkins Makes Plea for Education of Negro—Prominent Visitors Present—Young Bachelors Give Dance.

CAREY B. LEWIS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 28.—The forty fourth annual conference of the Afro-Methodist Episcopal Zion Church convened last Wednesday at the Thirteenth street and Broadway church, with Bishop J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia, presiding. Delegates were here from all parts of the state. They were given a royal reception by Dr. A. J. Gorhan and members of the church where the sessions were held. It was said by Bishop Caldwell, also Bishop G. W. Clinton, who was visiting the conference, to be one of the best sessions in the history of the Kentucky conference.

After the conference was opened and the work outlined, Bishop Caldwell then introduced the following visitors: Revs. H. L. Brown, J. C. Anderson, Leroy Ferguson, M. F. Robinson, A. T. Clark, J. W. Hall, J. H. Ross and C. B. Allen.

The Rev. E. H. Edmonson was elected secretary, W. H. Taylor, assistant, H. C. Wheeden, statistician, T. H. Mathews, representative of the Star of Zion. Special seats were alloted for visiting ministers. Dr. T. J. McMullan, secretary of the Christian Endeavor, Prof. S. G. Atkins, secretary of educational work, and Dr. R. E. Morsey, secretary of the financial board. The Rev. W. A. Wakfield and Rev. W. L. Lee, of Pittsburg, were visitors.

At the first night's services welcome addresses were the features of the evening's program. Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore, the Rev. L. H. Brown delivered the principal addresses. Miss Lillian Graves, a member of the church, delivered a fine address on the history of the church. Other speakers took a prominent part in the program.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The hearing of reports from delegates consumed a greater portion of the day. Each delegate told the progress of the church in his district. Nearly every church in the state asked the return of their minister, save a few in the country districts. "A plea for the Education of the Negro" was the subject of Prof. S. G. Atkins, who is the head of the educational department of the church. Prof. Atkins said that there was no future for the Negro unless he was educated.

"Trashy Literature" was the subject of Dr. J. W. Tate, presiding elder of the M. E. connection. He urged that good literature be given the young people to read. Dr. J. F. Moreland, secretary of the Ministers' Brotherhood, responded to Dr. Tate, telling in a graphic manner how the Zion connection offered oportunities for ministers to become general officers and bishops. Dr. W. A. Wakefield, formerly pastor of the Jacob's Tabernacle, but now of Pittsburg, Pa., brought greetings from his conference.

Among the prominent visitors at the conference was Dr. Sutton Griggs, the author of ten books on the Negro Question. "The Race Question in a New Light" is the subject of the latest book. He was given close hearing and succeeded in selling a number of his books.

At night Bishop G. W. Clinton delivered the annual Missionary Sermon. He took for his subject "How the Lord Provides." His sermon was eloquent and inspiring. It was filled with religious thought and he emphasized that our destiny was largely in the hands of God, to whom we owe our all.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

It was on the third day that Bishop Caldwell became very serious on the question of ministers not accurately giving the census of the A. M. E. Zion Church. During the session the Bishop told the ministers that Zion connection had fallen to third place in the numerical rank of other denominations. This, he said, was due to the inacurate reports of various ministers when the census was taken. He declared that the membership of the Zion church had been cut down too much and only the actual working membership was counted instead of the roll.

The presiding elders were called for and they began to make their reports. Dr. I. B. Selectman, of the Madisonville district, reported $8,155.28, twelve churches valued at $60,500, and 950 members. Dr. W. C. Hayes, Louisville district, reported $6,631.28 money raised, $22,650 value of church property, fourteen churches and 118 baptized. Dr. J. H. Glough, of the Russellville district, reported $3,560,28, church property worth $13,890 and membership 882, with eleven churches. Dr. W. Dorsey, of the Cincinnati district, reported $6,350, church property worth $70,000 with a membership of 1,500.

During the afternoon reports were heard from the Woman's Misionary Society. Mrs. Mary V. Washington, of New Albany, Ind., presided. Reports were also heard from the Buds of Promise. Mrs. Lizzie Hicks, Mrs. A. C. Tucker and Mrs. Sadie Folks, of Greenville, Ky., were among the speakers. At night there was a splendid program given by the women of the conference. Miss Fannie Wallace, Mrs. Emma Clemett, Mrs. Amanda Cabell, Mrs. Mary Washington, Mrs. Alice Tucker and a number of others took part in the program.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

The most important part of the fourth day's session was the report of H. C. Wheeden, who was chosen as statistician. He gave figures relating to the church in Kentucky as follows: Membership, 4,235; fifty church valued at $108,550; increase in membership over last year, 1,368; amount of money paid to pastor's, $12,051.85; number of conferences in the state, number of Sunday school children, 2,595; money collected for all purposes during the year, $25,512.46.

Dr. L. G. Jordan, secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was a speaker at the conference during the afternoon. He told of his travels in Africa and the need of gospel light among the millions of Africans. He asked the conference to give the bishop a present of three books on missionary work in Africa, which they did with pleasure.

Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, principal of the Eastern school, was among the visitors at the conference. He spoke of the work of the school system in the city of Louisville.

FIFTH DAY'S SESSION.

Nearly every colored Methodist church in the city was supplied with a visiting minister on last Sunday. The ministers were members of the A. M. E. Zion connection conference. Many uplifting and inspiring sermons were delivered at the various churches. The largest attendance was at the Thirteenth street and Broadway church, of which Dr. A. J. Gorham is the pastor. The crowd came to hear the apointments. Before the apointments were read Bishop Caldwell took occasion to thank the members of the church for serving them meals throughout the sessions and the good citizens of Louisville for the kindnes extended to the members of the conference. He then read the following appoints: Revs. I. B. Selectman, presiding elder, Madisonvile district; C. H. Walters, Madisonville; Revs. E. H. Edmonson, Nebo; G. A. Sebree, W. R. Williams, Hernderson; R. L. Cherry, Corydon; H. V. Taylor, Hanson circuit; G. Fortune, Earlington; M. F. Gatewood, Morton's Gap; J. A. Boyd, St. Charles; D. L. Irvin, Clarksville; J. L. Moore, Colltown circuit and A. B. McSmith's Hills. Rev. J. A. Hayes, presiding elder, Louisville district; Dr. A. J. Gorham, Broadway; Revs. Owen Carrington, Springfield; H. H. Holden, Lebanon; W. H. Caldwell, Columbia; S. P. Bell, Beachland; A. L. Nicholas, Allen's Chapel; E. M. Smith, Fifteen Street, Louisville; H. C. Wheeden, Bloomfield, and D. A. Hyser, Popular Corner. Rev. G. H. Glough, Russellville district; Revs. A. Stone, Russellville; C. C. Marks, Adairville; J. R. Irvin, Greenville; B. R. Scott, Oakville; J. R. Ealy, Gordonville; W. M. Hawkner, East Nashville; A. Jackson, Rockport circuit; W. A. Clark, Drakesboro; C. H. Browdie, Graham; W. F. Gowdy, Owensboro. Rev. W. W. Dorsey, Cincinnati district; Revs. A. Honnum, Jacob Street Tabernacle, Louisville; A. H. Merriweather, Stimer Chapel, Louisville; C. M. Robins, New Albany; R. B. Hendricks, Cincinnati; J. H. Caldwell, Jeffersonville; C. Payne, Goose Creek; A. B. Bunting, New Castle; William Clardy, Jacob Park; L. M. Atkins, Columbus, and D. A. Jones, Bardstown.

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Miss Katie Kester has gone to Chicago to visit Mrs. Alice Green.

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Miss Sadie Walker has gone to Oberlin University, Oberlin, Ohio.

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Mrs. Mary Coleman and family have moved to Springfield, Ohio.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tily White have returned from a trip to Eminence, Ky.

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Mss Lottie Herndon has gone to Frankfort Normal and Industrial Institute.

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Miss Delia Sandusky has gone to Lexington, Ky., to engage in trained nursing.

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Miss Nanie Oden and Mr. James Chipley were in Indianapolis, Ind., on last Sunday.

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Misses Percy and Alice Kester will give a croquet and whist party on Saturday night.

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Miss Junita Barry left Tuesday for Nashville, where she will enter Fisk University.

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Miss Narcisus Muir, of Bradstown, Ky., was in in the city last week attending the conference.

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The Baptist Woman's Educational Convention will be held at Georgetown, Ky., at an early date.

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Senator R. F. Bell, of Lexington, Ky., was in the city this week. He stopped at Miss Salome Worthington's, 722 West Walnut street.

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The A. M. E. Conference will convene in Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 6. Dr. J. C. Anderson and Cary B. Lewis, of this city, will attend the meeting.

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Mr. Tom Coles' fine black horse received a permium last week at the Colored Fair. It is said to be the finest horse owned by a colored man in the city.

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Miss Nannie H. Burroughs left the city Monday for Washington, D. C., accompanied by Misses Rosalie Hana and Mary Buchanan. Miss Buchanan will sail for South Africa October 27.

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Bishop J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia, was in the city last week, the guest of Dr. A. J. Gorham, pastor of the Thirteenth Street and Broadway Church.

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Mss Eva Jones, who has been at the Baptist Foreign Mission rooms for the past six months, will leave soon for the Western University, Quindaro, Kan., to teach music.

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Mr. Vulcan Irvin, of Richmond, Ky., aws in the city last week. Mr. Irvin is a prosperious tailor of the Blue Grass section and commands the best drilled Pythian company in the state.

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Miss Jane Johnson Simpson, daughter of Prof. J. E. Simpson, is teaching out in the state. Miss Simpson is a graduate of the Central High and Normal Schools and also eligible for assistant libarian.

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Mr. Thomas Hammonds, better known as Rooster, is spending all his leisure time showing his friends his new pet, it being a fine Cuban spaniel. Rooster was three days learning his Spanish pedigree.

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Mrs. Sadie Folks, of Greenville, Ky., was in the city last week attending the conference. Mrs. Folk delivered a fine address at the conference in responding to the welcome of Dr. J. C. Lattimore.

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Mrs. Emma Clemett, of Charlotte, N. C., was in the city last week attending the conference. She was the guest of Mrs. Mills on South Fifteenth street. Mrs. Clemett was accompanied by her little baby.

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Football will formally open Saturday afternoon, Oct. 2, at Dusty Rhodes Park. The game will be played between the Central High School and the Jeffersonville High School. Prof. Johnson has charge of the High School team here, and although they are lighter than ever, he expects to have them in fine trim. They plan to make several places before going to St. Louis, Mo.

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Mr. Spencer Taylor entertained the Young Men's Progressive League on Tuesday night of this week. It was a most enjoyable affair and the boys certainly had plenty to eat. The question is, who's next to entertain?

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At the Colored Fair last week the Physicians' Ring was among the feature events. Dr. Walter Adams won the first prize, Dr. J. A. C. Lattimore second and Miss G. A. Lattimore and Miss Nettie Hancock third.

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The Buckner and Dunkerson Club gave a delightful tally-ho party in honor of Miss Lula Hardster and Mr. Elmore Taylor, of Jeffersonville, Ind. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, Mrs. Helms, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Palmer.

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Miss Nettie Hancock, of California, who spent several weeks in Danville, Ky., the guest of her sister, paid Miss Lattimore a visit last week and remained until the closing of the Colored Fair. She left Sunday for Nashville, Tenn., where she will matriculate at Fisk University.

Mrs. Matie Byrd and Mrs. Kale Samples were entertained at breakfast Monday at the home of Mrs. Mayfield, 824 Magazine street. The visitors were the guests of Mrs. Guy Smith on South Thirteenth street. Mrs. Samples is a prominent club woman in Cincinnati and Mrs. Byrd of Lexington, Ky.

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The local Woman's Club held a meeting at the Calvary Baptist Church on Monday night. Among the speakers were Mesdames Mayme Stewart, S. W. Jordan, M. B. C. Mason, J. E. Givens, Ida Nugent Payne, Misses Pearl White and Georgia A. Nugent. Miss Jessie Smith, of Chicago, sang a solo. The National Woman's Clubs will meet here next year.

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Prof. F. S. Delany is planning to give a grand musical treat in the near future. It is expected to be an extraordinary affair, unique in every particular. Prof. Delany is one of the few people in the city to give affairs that are entertaining and pleasing and always successful. The musical public is watching with interest what Mr. Delany will bring forth.

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The Wonderful Year Entertainment, under the auspices of the Episcopal Church of Our Merciful Savior, at Odd Fellows Hall sometime in October, is expected to be a grand affair. This will be the annual entertainment of the church and large crowds are expected to be in attendance. The Rev. Leroy Ferguson and a committee are planning the entertainment.

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The Entre Nous Club, one of the swellest and most refined clubs in the city, is planning to give a Hallowen Party at an early date. Already the young misses are having their gowns made and the function is expected to be the most ultra fashion seen hereabout for some time. Special invitations will be issued and fortunate indeed will it be for those not members to be invited.

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A very beautiful and delightful dance was given last Saturday night at Odd Fellows Hall. It was a very select affair and thoroughly enjoyable. A number of late dances were introduced and the Young Bachelors Club deserves much credit for getting up such a pleasant affair in so short a time for the visitors who were here to attend the Colored Fair.

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Louisville won the baseball penant. The fans are very proud of the unusual honor. Baseball will be at a high pitch next season. The Cubs have made a very excellent record here this season. It was too bad that both teams could not exist without fighting one another and the white manager making most of the money. Maybe that next season the boys will stick together and keep things going themselves throughout the season.

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Very encouraging reports are being heard from Miss Mildred Bryant, the new assistant musical supervisor of colored schools. From the high endorsement of Miss Bourguard and the practical and theoretical knowledge she has of the work in charge, Miss Bryant is being cordially received at all the schools and she is said to be demonstrating her capabilities for the work. Louisville people are rather hard critics, but if they find that you know they will go the limit for you. Miss Bryant is domiciled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley, 1414 West Chestnut street, and has been the recipient of many social honors during her stay.

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A large number of the teachers of the city are thing seriously of taking a trip to Tuskegee during the Xmas Holidays. The idea has been strongly endorsed by the leading educators of the city and from the real good that is most likely to accrue. Upwards of a dozen will be in the party of Lousville.

Only women were to have been in the party, but now comes the news that Prof. J. R. Harris, of the chair of history at the Central High School, and Prof. John T. Clark, assistant in English, will make the trip. It was learned that Prof. A. E. Meyzeek, Prof. W. H. Perry, Prof. S. O. Johnson, Prof. S. B. Taylor are contemplating taking the trip.

Having taken such a trip ourselves we can say in advance that they will be cordially received and will have a pleasant stay. Nowhere in the South are the people as pleasant, homes as happy as those in the little city of Tuskegee, with Booker T. Washington, Mayor.

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From the very high-ton manner in which Mr. Owen Tyler is carrying on his campaign he is gaining thousands of votes weekly. Mr. Tyler is heading the Citizens' ticket and is an independent Democrat. He is taking no part in the mud slinging that is being done every night by Mr. Head, nominee of the Democratic party. Never before in the history of this city have we had such vituperation and slander heralded at the Negro as is being done by Mr. Head. Every decent and respectable Negro in the city is going to vote, but we don't believe one will cast a ballot for Head since the Negro has received so much pungent criticism.

Mr. Tyler is a high-class man and his platform as seen in this issue will no doubt cause a number of Negroes to vote for men and measures and not party affiliations. The Citizens' ticket is gaining ground every day. Let the good work go on, Mr. Tyler, there is a splendid chance in a four-cornered fight for mayor.

BOONVILLE, IND.

Rev. White visited the school last week and made some very appropriate remarks to the children. He is one of those ministers who believes in preparation as the means of solving the race problem....The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Tompkins and left a "Jack Johnson."....Boonville is a very quiet, progressive town, and a fine place for rearing children....A number of men from Mt. Vernon are here working with the curbing contractors.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

Rev. Irvine and Rev. Calvin Wilcox have gone to Louisville to attend the conference.....Mrs. Mariah Polk is gettin on nicely.....Ed Overton and John Smith are getting on very nicely.

MISS NANNIE H. BURROUGHS,
President of the National Training School for Women and Girls, Washington, D. C.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

OF BAPTIST WOMEN HELD SESSION AT COLUMBUS

PREPARATION FOR SERVICE DISCUSSED

By Women and Men Plans of National Training School Were Given—Miss Herbert Webber Represented Indiana Girls.

There has never been held a convention by Negroes, national in scope, complex in personnel, that approached in excellence the meeting of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, at Columbus, Ohio, last week. The delegation was very large, representing neary every state in the Union, retired foreign missionaries, outgoing missionaries, missioners on furlough, and prospective missionaries from Africa, South America and the West Indies. The meetings were held in the beautiful auditorium of the Second Baptist Church, Rev. A. D. Chandler, pastor.

The welcome addresses were permeated with that cordial and "make-yourself-at-home" spirit that should characterize greetings of this kind. There was nothing stiff or perfunctory about any of the addresses. Mrs. Ella Wheeler Abner, of Texas, did not arrive in time to respond to the welcome. Mrs. P. James Bryant, of Atlanta, Ga., the able vice president, was asked to accept the kindly greetings on behalf of the convention. She was equal to the emergency. Without notice or note she held her audience spellbound for twenty minutes, while in simple eloquence she covered the field of our activities and related our struggles upward, and painted with the touch of a master upon the heart of every delegate a picture of the future of the organization that stands for Christ and with Christ in the evangelization of the world.

The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Parris, D. D., pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., president of Eckstein-Norton University, and chairman of the Foregn Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention. Dr. Parrish is not only scholarly, but he is highly spiritual. Under the power of the Gospel he breathed into dry bones and made them witness for Him for whose reign the convention is laboring to establish.

The president's annual address was full of practical suggestions. She was requested to have it printed.

The corresponding secretary's report told of the work that had been done during the year, and the plans for the ensuing year. This report is in print, and may be had for 10 cents per copy.

Thursday night the trustees of the National Training School had a platform meeting. Addresses were delivered by Drs. M. W. Gilbert, T. L. Griffith, Walter H. Brooks, Prof. Byrd Prillerman and Mrs. J. M. Layton. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, the president-elect, delivered an address in which she discussed "What the Institution Will Do." This was one of the best attended meetings during the Columbus session, and enthusiasm ran high. Trustees from the various states were introduced and three hundred dollars in cash, and heaps and piles of towels, sheets, pillow-cases, quilts and other supplies for the institution were laid on the altar and dedicated to the Lord's service in the institution by the Rev. G. B. Howard, of Petersburg, Va. The discussions on the question of "Preparation for Service," by the men and women on this evening showed breadth of vision and accurate knowledge as to the specific needs of those who are to become the home-makers and race-builders.

The vice-presidents and the state representatives were called upon to report their work for the year. Nearly every state responded, and the convention was highly pleased with the good work done by these women in their various communities.

Friday morning was Foreign Mission Period. The speakers were women who have been working at the foreign mission problem for a number of years. Their addresses showed intimate acquaintance with the missionaries and their work. Nearly every speaker roused the audience, and awoke in each heart a new consciousness of duty to the lost world. Every address was the best.

Friday afternoon was Social Study. The home life of the race was discussed. Moral and industrial conditions were reviewed, and suggestions as to the best way to reach the unreached were brought out in nearly every address. Every phase of Negro life, north and south, was covered. Those who led the discussions during the Foreign Mission and Social Study periods gave us in a nut shell their version of the subjects, and clinched the arguments of those who had delivered the principal addresses.

Friday evening the young girls had the platform. Every available space in the church was occupied. Men and women who had attended all kinds of conventions in this and other countries declared that it was the best meeting that they had ever witnessed. They stood for hours and were swayed by the earnestness, the eloquence and the enthusiasm of the young women who have dedicated their lives to the Lord's service. Miss Katheryne Johnson, of Chicago, Ill., presided. She is perfectly at home on the platform and made a splendid presiding officer. The singing by the children's band of Shiloh Church of Columbus was indeed a treat. The little soloist from Cincinnati, under Miss Fannie Blackburn, sang herself into the hearts of the people. The solo by Miss Jessie May Gross, of Houston, Tex., showed the result of her careful training at the Conservatory in Boston. The sweet singer from Georgia, Miss Clara Bell Rivers, captivated the audience. Addresses were delivered by Miss Ida C. Plummer, Mrs. Emma Lewis, both of Washington, D. C.; Miss Herbert Webber, Indiana; Miss Willa Spaulding, Georgia; Miss Rosalie Hanna, Kentucky; Miss Delia Rudolph, Capetown, South Africa; and Miss Mary Buchanan, Middledrift, South Africa. These young women simply swayed that vast audience. Men and women wept like babes, and shouted for joy. Miss Genneva Cowels, the sweet singer from Ohio, was at her best. Our two African girls made a most profound impression and helped the cause of missions as perhaps no other speakers who have appeared before our national gatherings have helped. A cash offering of one hundred and fifty-three dollars, pledges for foreign mission and hundreds of names of those who will pray for the work that these young women will do in foreign fields were laid on the altar. This was a most blessed meeting to us all.

Saturday morning, the Ohio Superintendent of Children's Bands, delivered a splendid address on "How to Enlist Children in the Missionary Enterprises." Those who took part in the discussion gave many practical suggestions on how to make children's work effective.

The election of officers took place early Saturday afternoon. Some one remarked that this election was more like a love-feast than an election.

OFFICERS.

S. W. Layton, Pennsylvania, president.
S. C. J. Bryant, Georgia, vice president.
M. V. Parrish, Kentucky, Treasurer.
N. H. Burroughs, Kentucky, corresponding sercetary.
V. W. Broughton, recording secretary.
M. E. Goins, asistant recording secretary.
E. Arlington Wilson, historian.

Rev. A. C. Powell, pastor Abbysinnia Baptist Church, New York City, preached the Sunday morning sermon. It was good to have been there, to hear him talk on the "Transforming Power of the Word of God." The sermon was a masterpiece. Christ and the Cross stood out before us lighting up and transforming the entire human family. Men and women shouted for joy as he talked with us by the way, and to all of us who heard him, the Bible has a new place in our lives and in our homes.

Dr. A. S. Jackson was programed to preach the Sunday evening sermon, but could not be present; Rev. A. A. Barbour, of Texas, preached instead. Dr. Jackson sent in his stead a hundrel dollars and a student for the Training School. The officers were installed by the Rev. W. H. Jernagin, of Oklahoma. The president of the National Training School was presented by Mrs. M. V. Parrish, chairman of the trustee board, and the convention ratified the action of the board at its June meeting in the selection of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs to take charge of the Training School at Washington.

Two distinguished women, who were special guests of the convention, delivered inspiring addresses. One of them, Mrs. Katherine S. Westfall, secretary of the Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, spent several days in our meeting. She brought greetings from her organization, delivered a most helpful address, expressed her very great pleasure at all that she had seen and heard, and assured the convention that her society would be glad to know of the good work the convention is doing.

Mrs. Maggie Walker, the other guest of honor, president of the St. Lukes Bank, Richmond, Va., delivered a telling speech. She declared that our convention is a great school in which we are doing a most wonderful work.

Prof. Jones, sociologist, Hampton Institute, delivered an excellent address and took occasion to commend the men for their splendid program. He said that it was one of the best he had ever seen. He was impressed with the arrangement and the practical, live questions discussed.

Can we account for the splendid meeting at Columbus? Yes. Early in June we sent out cards to hundreds of women, asking them to pray that this might be the best session in the history of our organization. These cards were signed and returned. There were hundreds of men praying for the success of the meeting, and God heard them. Back of all this was the band of women who met every morning at 8 o'clock to study God's word and to seek His guidance. Mrs. S. E. Bailey, of Dermont, Ark., and Sister Joanna P. Moore, our veteran missionary, had charge of these meetings, and women came from far and near to study God's word under these consecrated leaders. The early morning prayer meeting was a blessing to us all.

The Columbus meeting was a success because we had an organized praying force back of it.

We offered a banner to the state bringing up the largest number of annual members. We could not award the banner in the meeting for the reason that we did not have the time to classify our reports. Louisiana is the banner state, having reported the largest number of annual members.

The grand total receipts at the convention, including money for Foreign Missions, Training School and from sale of supplies, was $1,620.08. Besides this money we have received many useful articles for the Training School and pledges for help during the year. What more can we ask? The Lord hath abundantly blessed us, wherefore we are exceedingly glad.

The trustee board of the National Training School for Women and Girls, Washington, D. C., held a most important meeting in the Second Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, Friday evening, September 17. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Mary V. Parrish, chairman; Rev. J. M. Layton, District of Columbia, secretary; Mrs. P. J. Bryant, Georgia, treasurer.

The local executive board was appointed as follows: Miss Martha Johnson, Miss Ida C. Plummer, Mrs. Emma Lewis, Miss Susie Robb, Mrs. T. H. Jones.

An advisory board was also appointed and consists of the following members: Rev. J. Milton Waldron, chairman, Geo. W. Lee, M. W. D. Norman, W. Bishop Johnson, Aquila Sayles, W. J. Howard, Dr. Geo. W. Cabaniss, W. L. Pollard, Kelly Miller, Rev. Jas. T. Clark.

The following teachers were elected for the ensuing year: Miss E. Romaine Robinson, graduate Boston University, history and languages; Miss Hattie A. Shaw, Chicago School of Music, instructor in the music department; Miss Nannie Goodall, Pascal Institute, dressmaking department; Mrs. Emma Lewis, superintendent of supply department; Miss Maggie Wall, Cairo High School, teacher current events and Negro literature; W. W. Russell, poultry department, American Poultry Institute, Rochester, N. Y.

Lecturers: Rev. M. W. D. Norman, Christian Evidence; Rev. Geo. W. Lee, Personal Work; Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Church History; Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Old Testament Interpretation. Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, Biblical Theology.

THE FREEMAN is on sale every Saturday at the news stand at the southwest corner of Illinois and Market streets.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

BY R. W. THOMPSON

By R. W. Thompson.

IN RETROSPECT.

Crosses and troubles a-many have proved me.
One or two women (God bless them) have loved me.
I have worked and dreamed, and I've talked at will,
Of art and drink I have had my fill.
I've comforted here, and I've succored there,
I've faced my foes, and I've backed my friends,
I've blundered, and sometimes made amends.
I have prayed for light, and I've known despair.
Now I look before, as I look behind,
Come storm, come shine, whatever be-fall,
With a graceful heart and a constant mind,
For the end I know is the best of all.
—W. H. Henley.

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Sensibly-gauged rivalry is often a necessary spur to one's best efforts.

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Is it "The Conservator" or "Ebony" in Chicago. The "Lady or the Tiger?"

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The fussy worker gets little done. Keep your eye on the steady quiet fellow.

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The weak-kneed friend belongs in the region that Bob Ingersoll says does not exist.

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Don't forget to pay back that quarter you borrowed on the "quick touch" system.

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A great many folks fail because they wait for some other fellow to boost their game.

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The infantile National Negro Press Association is getting a lot of free advertising anyhow.

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Now, brothers of the A. M. E. church, wouldn't Mrs. John F. Hurst make an ideal Bishop's wife?

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The busy bricklayer, at work on the wall, has no time to engage in a fight with the passing village tout.

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President Taft's strong and unequivocal letter hit the Maryland disfranchisers squarely between the eyes.

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Negro journalists are getting together. Newspaper pirates will remain apart, as honor among thieves is a rare commodity.

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Perhaps Akron, O.—jealous of the Negro hating record made by Springfield—needed a little of just that kind of advertisng.

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When two men fall out and will not "make up" under any consideration, the philosophers say it is time to look for the woman in the case.

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Disappointment in love is bitter enough, they say, but it isn't a marker to the bitterness that comes of failure to secure the political job one thinks he ought to have.

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The soothsayers of the Methodist churches are getting out their sextants and other astronimical paraphernalia, preparatory to making official observations for 1912.

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Two new banks, under Negro management, have been started during the present month—one at Nashville, Tenn., and the other at Dallas, Texas. Isn't that going some?

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If Col. Roscoe Conkling Simmons keeps on as he is going, he is apt to land plump into the shoes of Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, of the Knights of Pythias—and most worthily, too.

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In all seriousness, Explorer and North-Pole-Finder Matthew Henson, should be accorded a reception at Washington proportioned to the size of his feat. We said "f-e-a-t," mind you.

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Mobs are not only lynching people, now-a-days, but are doing other stunts that work disaster to the peace and dignity of communities. A mob in South Georgia the other day helped a man to get married.

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The new $400,000 office-building and theater, to be erected for the accommodation of Negroes at Washington by the Lincoln Memorial Building Company, a Negro corporation, will fill a long-felt want.

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Don't get worried because people talk about you. What man ever amounted to anything who wasn't talked about—and often misrepresented? Attend to your own business, keep your own counsel and go right ahead.

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Having had our innings with the horseless carriage, smokeless powder, wireless telegraphy and the hugless dance, we are about to be introduced to the odorless onion and odorless whiskey. Great is science and her home is in America!

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A gang of numbskull adventurers calling themselves "True Americans, hibernating at Rome, Ga., has rushed into the spotlight with a proposition to buy up all of the property owned by Negroes in this country, repeal the War Amendments, and set the colored people up in another land—God only knows where. Surely, the fool-killer must be on a vacation. Isn't this idiocy enough to make Rome howl?

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Very fittingly, the virile, far-seeing and sagacious Dr. E. C. Morris, of Arkansas—a natural leader of men—again heads the National Baptist Convention. In honoring Dr. Morris, the more than 2,000,000 Negro Baptists of the country honor themselves.

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The Star of Zion's new linotype shows up well. Brother Clement's paper does not look like its former self at all. Editor Clement, Manager Bird and the entire editorial and mechanical staff are to be congratulated upon the marked improvement they have made in Zion's sprigtly church organ.

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Mississippi has more Negroes than any other single state in the Union, and it has some of the most enterprising members of the race. The state has the most oppressize white people—and a big lot of the most helpful ones. Mississippi is one of the spots in America where extremes meet.

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It is freely asserted by the wise-acres of the Democratic party that if the national nominating convention were held to-morrow the ticket would be headed by Judson Harmon, of Ohio, for President. For second place, New York's strongest moneyed man would be named—maybe Judge Garnor, the nominee for mayor of the nation's metropolis.

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No white man can become a member of the Mosaic Templars, the famous order founded by J. E. Bush, of Arkansas, and pushed up to a registration of 65,000 Negroes through the activity of Founder Bush, the present Grand Master, William M. Alexander and his predecessor, the late Capt. CC. W. Keatts. This race discrimination business is a game that can be worked from both ends.

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Prof. Matt Henson is willing to try a dash for the South Pole, and Prof. Cha. Stewart, who has been everywhere else, confesses to a burning desire to tackle a place where no one has ever been. Why not equip these daring Professors with an outfit and let them "kiver themselves all over with glory?" With Cook getting $10,000 per lecture, the polar fever is taking hold of men less talented than Henson and Stewart.

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Prof. R. R. Wright, Jr., editor and manager of the Christian Recorder, and Miss Charlotte Crogman, daughter of President Crogman, of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., were recently united in marriage—thus joining two of the oldest and best families in the country. Congratulations! The best wishes of a host of friends throughout the land go out to this brilliant and happy couple. May they live long and prosper.

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The Bishopric "boom" of Dr. John F. Hurst was launched in good shape a few nights ago in Washington. The "boom" was accidental or incidental, as far as the managers had anything to do with it, but when men get ready to say a good work for the servant who has served well, no consideration for small proprieties can keep them from saying it—and then some. It is written in the stars that it will be "Bishop Hurst" in 1912. Selah!

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Race movements will succeed in a large measure when the desire for personal gain and the craze for personal notoriety are subordinated for the good of the cause. Applied literally, the proposed Demonstrative Exposition for 1913 will be taken up by the people with enthusiasm if the leaders will push it forward with an eye single to the advertisement it will afford the proscribed Negro, rather than the dollars it may put into the pockets of its immediate "ground-floor" promoters.

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The untimely death of J. McHenry Jones, West Virginia's educational and political leader, brings sorrow to every friend of Negro advancement in the country. As principal of the progressive school at Institute, W. Va., as Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F., as an author, editorial writer, Christian gentleman and personal friend, he was faithful, earnest and true. His ideals were lofty, and he lived up to them. His was indeed a "Heart of Gold." His bereaved family, the citizens of his State, and the fraternity over which he so capably presided, all have the sincere sympathy of the race everywhere over the loss of this splendid man.

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Bishop J. W. Smith, of the A. M. E. Zion church, is as levelheaded a prelate as ever graced an ecclesiastical toga. He doesn't like any of the foolishness that certain "slop-over" pastors have a habit of indulging in when they get hold of a Bishop to fill their pulpits. Says he, in language susceptible to only one interpretation: "Pastors who will give me an introduction before preaching will please not exaggerate by calling me a coal-burner, trash-mover or son of thunder, asking the Lord to send an angel down and stand on my shoulders while I preach—and a lot of other tomfoolery expressions. When I am thus introduced, I do not feel like preaching." It is all right to make a reasonable amount of "fuss" over a visiting Bishop, but the sensible pastor refrains from "slobbering."

A NOTABLE BROOKLYN WEDDING

Special to The Freeman.

BROOKLYN.—Mr. Willis A. Hodges, son of the dean of Afro-American writers of verse and fiction, Augustus Hodges "B. Square") and grandson of the late Hon. Willis A. Hodges ("Old S'pecs") of "Tide Water," Norfolk, Va., was united in holy wedlock to Miss Annabella Solomon on Wednesday evening, Sept. 8, 1909, at the St. Phillips P. E. church, Dean street, by the rector, H. Patterson Boyd, D. D., before hundreds of friends and well-wishers. After the marriage the wedding feast took place in the mission hall of the church, when covers were spread for seventy-five. The young folks then enjoyed themselves with myrth, music and dancing, until 'the wee sma' hours," when the happy man and wife, after A. B. Square's blessing, started, under a shower of rice, to spend their honeymoon on the old Hodges homestead in Blackwater, Princes Anne county, Virginia.

The presents were numerous and useful. Gifts and well-wishes were received from Mrs. M. B. Monroe, Lexington, Ky.; Mr. James T. Hodges, Berkley, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Hannible Hodges, Washington, D. C.; Lawyer and Mrs. N. B. Clark, Newport News, Va.; Rev. and Mrs. Marshall Land, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. M. J. Cuffee, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Ruth Cook and daughter, Brooklyn; Miss Virtoria Hodges, Mr. Willis F. Hodges (uncle), Mrs. Joseph D. Moore (cousin), the Misses Sadie and Katie Hodges (sisters), Miss Catherine I. Corprew, the groom's fraternal great aunt, eighty-three years old. The John Brown letters to his grandfather were also given to him as an heirloom by his father, A. M. Hodges, with a score of other tokens of well wishes from his brother Elks.

A few of those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. Martin Brown, Mr. J. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Brock, Mr. and Mrs. William Page, Mr. Joseph Bowen, Miss Alice Smith, Mr. George Bracey, Mr. James T. Hodges, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. J. McFarland, Hon. John H. Smith, Mr. Willis Miller, Mrs. Burkley an dson, Mr. and Mrs. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hayes, Mr. John F. Pool and sons, Mr. E. Demty and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Hillery White and son, Miss Daisy Beese, Mrs. Munay, Mr. J. Wm. Sikes and three-score of other friends and well wishers.

I. L. U. WILL HOLD CONVENTION NEXT YEAR.

Special to The Freeman.

DAYTON, O., September, 1909.—The Grand Trustees of the International Liberty Union, which has its Home Office in this city, have decided to call a convention of the membership of the order to meen in November, 1910.

This convention will meet in some city of the South, probably one of the larger cities where the I. L. U. membership is strong and where the railroad connections are good. The city is to be selected later, at which time further announcement will be made.

The International Liberty Union is most generally known as the I. L. U. Grand Lodge. It is seve nand one-half years old and up to this writing has issued over 53,000 memberships. Its growth has been wonderful. Thousands and thousands of homes of colored people have been brightended and made happy since the advent of this great International Union.

The I. L. U. is not a regular insurance order. In fact, there is no other society like this one. It is a protective and co-operative secret fraternal society. Wage-earners and crop-raisers are admitted to membership. Men and women alike are accepted. There is no medical examination. Its jurisdiction is the whole world.

While the order is not a regular insurance order, yet it has many benefits, and the charitable benefits are one of the big things which the order does for its members, though it talks very little about it. Like the Masons and other similar societies, the order does not boast of what it does for its distressed members. But it helps them just the same when they need help most and in a very substantial way.

The co-operative plan of this order is one of its big features. Many crop raisers are talking of buying all their supplies and marketing their crops through this order.

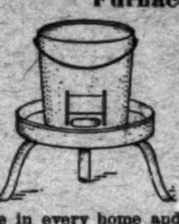
The convention to be held next year will be the third one since the order's organization. Preparations are already being made and a big time is already assured.

We have had correspondence with the founder and Grand President of this order. He tells us that any of our readers who want information about his order should write hi mat once. He will gladly answer all questions and send full information and printed circular's explaining the society and what it does for its members. Those who have not investigated it will be wonderfully surprised and we urge them to look into it for their own benefit. If you write to Grand President Critchlow, you will confer a favor on this paper by mentioning where you read this notice. You can address your letter as follows: "To Honorable W. G. Critchlow, Founder and Grand President of the I. L. U. Grand Lodge, 115 I. L. U. Bldg., Dayton, O."

ANACONDA, MONT.

Special to The Freeman:

Mr. Milton Dobbins and wife came in from the Welcome and Peckeover ranch on the 12th of September.....Mr. Willie Johnson came in from the Welcome & Peckover ranch on September 11.....Rev. Gillard and party returned from their hunting and fishing trip with 35 Mallard ducks.....Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hayes entertained a few of their friends last evening at their residence, 504 W. Park street. The guests of honor were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Johnson, Sadie Meriwether, Ethel Carmen, Chas. Montgomery, Homer Herndon and Spurgeon Carmen.....Mr. Lewis Mullens came up from Deer Lodge in his automobile...Miss Sadie Merriwether, Ethel Carmen, Precilla Gross, Maggie Curtis, Mrs. Duff, Eula Whipple, Mrs. W. M. Brown, Chas. Montgomery, Homer Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Driver, and Wm. J. Brown attended the grand ball of the G. U. O. of O. F. at Butte, Mont.....Mr. Frank Yamer left for a short visit to his native home, Waterlow, La.....Mr. Johnnie Jones is very ill of the neuralgia.....Mr. Prince Smith, the ex-pugilist, of Dawson City, is residing in Anaconda.



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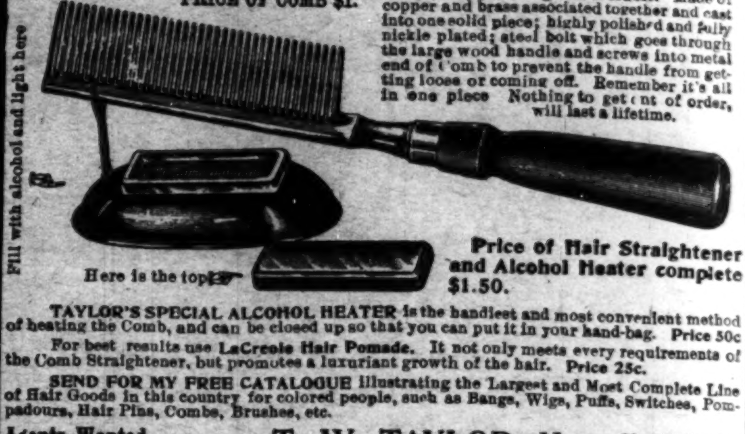
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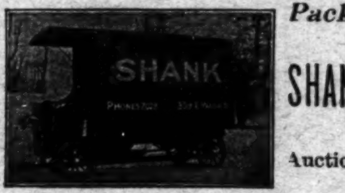

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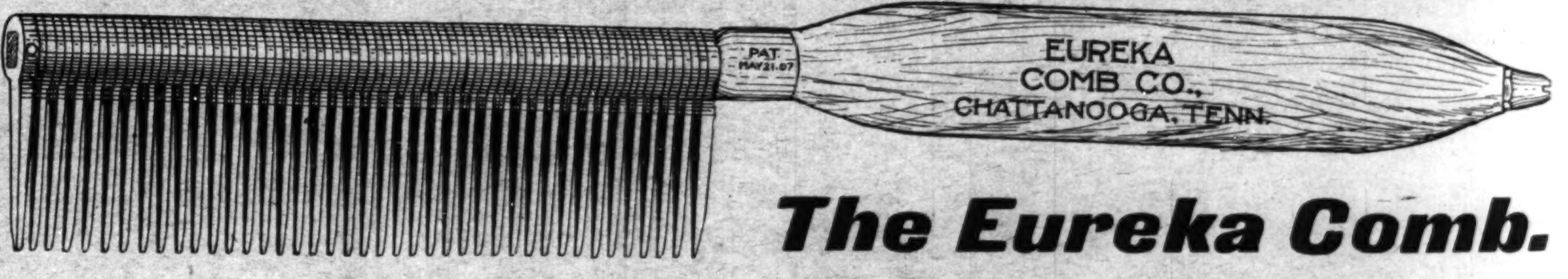
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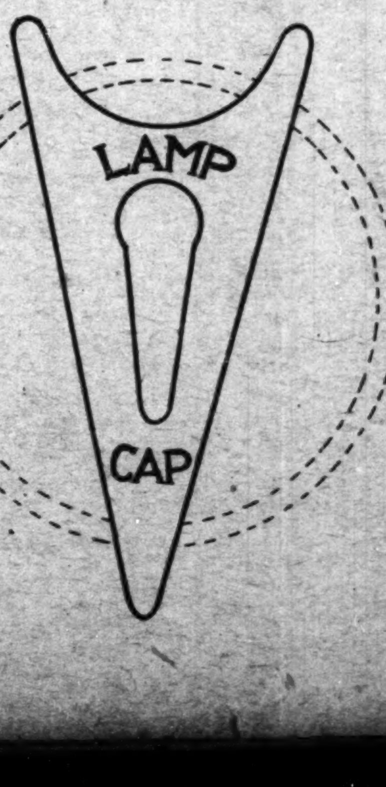

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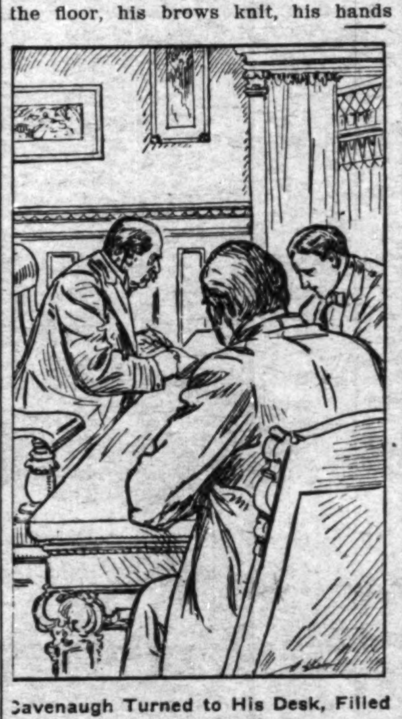
"I was a master, after a fashion," resumed the old man, satisfied with his denouement. "I committed a dozen splendid burglaries. I never left a trail behind. The police sought for me, but did not know me either by name or by sight. This was the sword my son kept over my neck. The slightest rebellion, and he threatened to expose me. Oh, I know the boy well enough; he would have done it in those days. Once extradited to England, 30 years ago, no one would have connected our names. Yet he was afraid of me; he wasn't sure that at any time the old desire would spring up renewed. I robbed to gratify my craving for excitement rather than to fill my purse. I made an unhappy marriage; something Kate nor Norah shall do while I live. Henry was clever. He made me an allowance of two hundred a month. And how do you suppose he arranged the payment? On the first day of the month he placed the cash in a safe in the house and changed the combination. If I got the money without being caught it was mine; otherwise I went hungry. Ingenious idea, wasn't it? For I had all the excitement and none of the peril of a real burglary. Henry forgot yesterday that it was the first of the month."

The millionaire found it impossible to remain seated. He rose and paced the floor, his brows knit, his hands clenched. He was at bay. Carrington felt as if he were in the midst of some mad dream.



Cavenaugh Turned to His Desk, Filled Out the Blank.

"Sometimes I succeeded in opening the safe; and sometimes, when luck went against me for two or three months, Norah tipped me the combination. She dared not do it too often. So the months went on. Once a month I was permitted to visit my grandchildren. My son grew richer and richer; for myself, I remained in the valley of humiliation. I had no chance. I had never met any of my son's friends; he took good care that I did not; so they were in total darkness as to my existence. But the ball and chain were knocked off last night. Your papers are, after all, only an incident. Caliban revolts. Mr. Carrington, my son! Oh, I am proud of him. I believed the genius for robbery was mine. I am a veritable tyro beside Henry. Half a dozen millions from the pockets of the poor at one fell swoop! Where's your Robin Hood and his ilk? But it isn't called robbery; it is called high finance."

He applied a match to his dead cigar and thoughtfully eyed his son.

"And there is a good joke on me, weaving in and out of all this. I regularly invested half my allowance in buying shares in my son's company, to insure my old age. It jarred me when I read the truth last night. I hate to be outwitted. Henry, sit down; you make me nervous."

"Well, what are you going to do?" asked the son. As he faced his father there was something lion-like in his expression.

"Sit down, my son, and I will tell you," answered the old man, quietly. He knew that his son was a fighter, and that to win he would have to strike quick and hard.

Cavenaugh flung himself into his chair. At that moment he did not know which he hated the most, his father or Carrington.

"First, you will write out that check for fifty thousand."

"Blackmail!"

"Nothing of the sort. For 20 years you have kept your heel on my neck. I could do nothing; opportunities came and I dared not grasp them; my genuine ability was allowed to rust. It is simply compensation. Blackmail? I think not. I could easily force a million from you. But I am and have been for years an honest man. And heaven knows how well I have paid for my early transgression," bitterly. "This hour is mine, and I propose to use it."

"What guaranty have I of your good faith?" fiercely.

"My word," calmly. "I have never yet broken it."

Carrington gazed longingly toward the door. It was horribly embarrassing. He began to realize that Kate's father would hate him bitterly, indeed, and that his own happiness looked very remote.

Cavenaugh turned to his desk, filled out the blank, and passed it to his father, who, with scarcely a glance at it, passed it back with a negative shake of the head.

"The official certifying stamp lies on your desk; use it."

There was no getting around this keen-eyed old man. He knew every point in the game.

"You will live to regret this," said Cavenaugh, his eyes sparkling with venom.

"I have many things to regret; principally that fate made me a father." The old man passed the check over to Carrington. "You're a lawyer; does that look legal to you?"

Carrington signified that it did.

"Now, then, Henry, you will write down on official paper your resignation as president and director of the General Trust Company of America. You will give orders for the restitution of the millions that were fraudulently added to your capital. I am not the least interested in what manner the restitutions are made, so long as they are made. I am now representing the investors. As for your partners, it will be easy for you to impress them with the necessity of the action."

"And if I refuse?"

"Nothing less than the attorney general. I intend to make this business as complete as possible."

Cavenaugh turned again to his desk. He knew his father even as his father knew him. He wrote hurriedly, the pen sputtering angrily.

"What else?" with a cold fury.

Again the old man gave Carrington the paper.

"It is perfectly intelligible," he said. He began to feel a bit sorry for Cavenaugh, junior.

"Now, those papers," said Cavenaugh, sharply.

"I believe they belong to me," interposed Carrington.

Grandpa smiled. "It all depends."

"I could easily force you," suggestively.

Grandpa smiled again. "Of that I haven't the least doubt. Of course, what I have is only a copy?"

"It is the only copy in existence," replied Carrington, anxiously. And then a flush of shame mantled his cheeks. Where was his legal cunning?

"Ah!" The ejaculation came from Cavenaugh, junior.

"There is but one thing more," said grandpa, urbanely. "I am determined that Kate shall be happy. She shall marry Mr. Carrington before the snow flies. It is an excellent policy to keep valuable secrets in the family."

"Give your papers to the attorney general. I'll see you all hanged before I'll give my consent!" Cavenaugh roared out these words. His patience had truly reached the limit of endurance.

"Softly, softly!" murmured grandpa.

"I mean it!" con agitata.

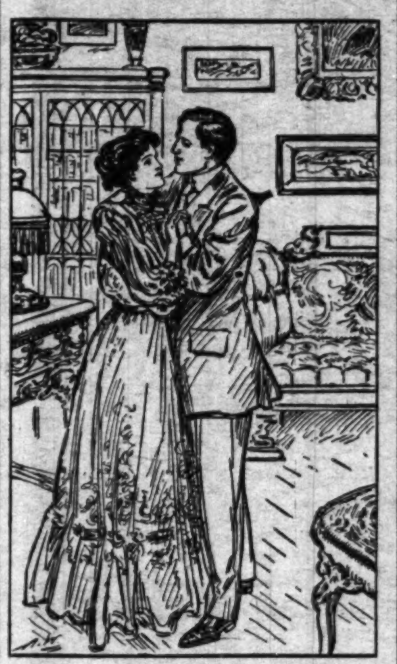
"Ah, well; what will be, will be. Son, I came down here yesterday with altogether a different piece of business in mind. The documents I discovered last night changed these plans. You own rich oil lands in Texas; or, rather, you did own them before you sold out to the company. The land you sold was not, and never had been, legally yours; you owned not a single tuft of grass. Government land-grab, I believe they call it. It is not now a question of refunding money; it is a question of avoiding prison. The supreme court at Washington can not be purchased. It cost me five hundred, which I could ill afford, to get a copy of the original transfer. The real owner mistook me for you, son; that is how I learned. Your consent to this marriage; or, my word for it, I'll put you where you would have put me, had you dared. Quick! My patience is quite as tense as yours."

The collapse of Cavenaugh was total. He saw the futility of further struggle. Ah! and he had believed all these transgressions securely hidden and forgotten, that the fortress of his millions would protect him from all attack. Too late he realized that he had gone too far with his father. There was no mercy in the old man's eyes, and Cavenaugh knew in his heart that he deserved none.

"Very sensible," said the retired burglar. He folded the check and put it in his wallet, while his son covered his face with his hands. "Murder will out, even among the most pious. I know that what has passed between us will be forgotten by Mr. Carrington. For myself, I shall return to England. I have always had a horror of dying in this country. Like father, like son; the parable reads truly. It was in the blood, Mr. Carrington; it was in the blood. But Henry here went about it in a more genteel manner." He struck the bell. "William, send Miss Kate here.

William bowed. He recognized the change; grandpa's voice was full of confident authority.

Kate entered the study shortly after. She had been weeping; her eyes were red. Seeing her father's bowed head, she sprang to his side like a lioness.



"And You Still Wish to Marry Me?" Asked the Girl.

"What have they been doing to you, father?"

"Nothing but what is just," softly answered her parent. The little dukes and princes faded away as a dream fades.

"Grandpa—" she began.

"Child, it is all settled. The hatchet is buried in frozen ground. Your father consents to your marriage with Mr. Carrington. It has been a heated argument, but he has come around to my way of thinking. 'All's right with the world,' as Browning says. Bless you, my children, bless you!" with tender irony.

"And now, my papers," said Carrington, smiling up at the girl, reassuringly.

"And you still wish to marry me?" asked the girl, her face burning and her eyes moist.

"I'd marry you if your grandpa was Beelzebub himself!"

"Here's your papers, young man," said grandpa. He passed the envelope across the table.

"What's this?" cried Carrington.

"It means, my boy," said grandpa, "that blood is thicker than water, and that I really intended no harm to Henry. And then, besides, I like to win when all the odds are against me."

Carrington gently turned the envelope upside down. Nothing but burnt paper fluttered upon the table.

THE END.

THE NEGRO SERVANT GIRL.

Mr. J. E. Bush, in his address at Louisville on the Negro servant question, said that in order to find out just what was thought of the Negro servant girl he wrote letters to fifty mayors of Southern cities, requesting that they give their views as to the efficiency of the Negro servant girls. The letters were addressed to the mayors as a matter of convenience, to be turned over to persons competent to speak in the matter, in event the mayors were not. Mr. Bush did not say from whom his replies came, but that they came thick and fast. He was agreeably surprised at the spontaneity, and further convinced that there was universal interest in the subject.

It was most gratifying to him to find that 75 per cent. of the replies said that 90 per cent. of the servant girls of the respective communities were Negroes, and, so far as observation went, were giving satisfaction. Fifteen per cent. of the replies took middle ground that no particular criticism could be offered, good or bad, their success or failure depending on the choice and temperament on the part of the employed and the employer. The remaining 10 per cent. of the replies were scathing arraignment and condemnation. Mr. Bush counted it much to know that the best letters on behalf of the girls came from sections known for intense race hatred and discrimination—considered so, at any rate. This latter condition ought to prove assuring to the race, who, like Mr. Bush, had begun to think that the colored girl was being displaced and owing to her inefficiency and disposition.

There must be servants, and among whom there will also be colored women, men, girls and boys. They should not feel exempt, notwithstanding it strikes a little hard when one is the "it," in the language of the street, and owing to the way the "it" is sometimes thought about. There is something in a name, but it is not the whole thing, consequently, to be called servant is not nearly so bad as many will have it appear. Slowly the race is preparing for better class jobs, but nothing like what is required to meet the output of the schools. The race is running behind in its orders. It means that the girls and boys, the women and men must do something else.

Money is necessary in the conduct of evrey family, and when the sources of getting it are limited, there is nothing to do but seek the fairest fields that offer. That conditions are no better in the North is owing to an almost renegade disposition that looks mostly to the individual—the sense of race responsibility is dwarfed, if it ever were—while opportunities run riot. We might say, have mercy on the tender young; but is it necessary? They can find homes among the rich and cultivated, to whom harsh words are an unknown tongue. Knowing the race condition and disposition, then to escape to these homes of refinement are sanitariums for their wearied souls—retreats where they may rest.

The colored servant girl must learn to value her position if she does not. Mr. Bush observes that she is appreciated—a "desirable citizen." And really, i nthis day better service is expected and should come forth, since the school is supposed to be doing its duty. If it is not making for culture and refinement it is not doing its duty. A white lady, not long since, in this city, Indianapolis, asked for a cultivated, refined Negro girl. The nature of the employment is unknown, but we venture it was in keeping with their common notion of cultivation and refinement. Such a girl with such a woman will be servant merely in name. And, under the possible circumstances, what's in a name?

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What's the latest on the "yaller" bridge situation?

We now stand on the porch of winter, with no great anxiety to enter the house.

Explorers and inventors and rumors of explorers and inventors—these are great days.

Matt Henson, the Negro that stood with Peary at the North Pole, comes in for a share of attention.

It ought to be complimentary to the Negroes of Muskogee that the white men want to stay there; it is worth their while.

President Taft "preached" right in the Mormon Temple. He said that it was not the first time that he had occupied a pulpit.

Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Missouri seem to be in an earthquake belt. Quite a shaking up took place in those States last Monday morning.

The colored brother will have to wait until President Taft has done his 13,000 miles, and maybe then some, before he takes up political matters with him.

A white man was whipped by Negroes in the vicinity of Spartansburg, S. C., for assaulting a colored girl. Just think how merciful the race is! Had it been different, there would have been mobbing, and perhaps burning.

Rev. Dr. E. C. Morris was the hero of the National Baptist Convention which recently met at Columbus, O. For the sixteenth time he was elected president of that most important gathering of Negroes.

Dr. George W. Lee, of the Baptist Church, is said to be the most eloquent Negro in the country. There's another Lee to be reckoned with; Bishop Lee, of the A. M. E. Church, is a very prince of the platform. In the language of the street, he goes some.

William Lloyd Garrison, son of the great Abolitionist, recently died at his home in Lexington, Mass., at the age of seventy-one years. He was known as a reformer, and, like his father, had regard for the colored people, doing what he could to give them standing as citizens of the Republic.

Many young colored men of Atlanta, Ga., are enlisting in the army since the arrival of the Tenth Cavalry from the Philippines. The enthusiastic reception the home-comers received in New York had considerable influence, it is said, making the army popular again, after the slump in enthusiasm owing to the Brownsville affair.

Chicago will have a permanent building for the exhibiting of Negro industries of that city. The movement is unique, novel, but happy in its possibilities. All communities of large Negro populations should have something of the kind as an incentive for the Negro youth, and also as a demonstration to the public in general.

The campaign is warming up. The colored voters, as others, are expected to do some thinking. They are expected to choose the best men, those who will in their judgment give the city the best administration. It is right and proper that they do this, not only in the city's interest, but as evidence of political intelligence.

The Danish school boys say that it was Leif Erickson who discovered America, first at least. That race has furnished many daring adventurers for the Northern seas. All Denmark seems to thrill at the deeds of those who battle old Neptune in his most profound places. It shouted itself hoarse, so to speak, at the achievement of Captain Cook, true to its reputation as a venturesome, sea-going people.

In the death of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, the country loses one of its foremost citizens. His early career was one of hardships, which doubtless influenced his life, making him the noble character he came to be in after years. He was favorably mentioned for the Presidency in the last campaign, and had he lived more than likely would have been a commanding figure before the next national Democratic convention.

Fairs by associations of colored people are now coming on. In this respect the race has been standing in its own light heretofore. There are exceptions, of course. Lexington, Ky., has been having good fairs for a number of years. Other communities have also held them, and with success; but not until recently has the thing become general and fully acceptable. The race stands in need of such demonstrations—much more so than other races, who don't have to demonstrate so much to prove who they are.

The sun is drifting from us farther and farther every day. Mother Ceres' daughter will abide with Pluto for a half year, when the earth will go in temporary mourning, owing to the temporary loss. Nothing seems in vain—that is to say, some good follows the ugliest situations. Through the long night of the year earth's flora sleeps and rests, just as man sleeps and rests, either curled up 'neath sheaths of protection or nestled deep amid mantle of some kind, warm and secure—being invigored while they wait.

The old Negro town of Muskogee, Okla., is having quite an experience. Three white merchants by some means managed to locate among the Negroes. They were ordered to leave, but they refused to go. Dynamite was used on one of the business places, but this did not move them. They declare they won't go. Well, this much: the Negroes have got what the white men want, and they are determined to have it. Booker T. Washington has long since said, get what the white man wants and conditions will go to simplifying at once.

Mayor Bookwalter was surprised at the little remonstrance party that called on him when he announced that he thought a reminder of the old "yellow bridge" should be incorporated in the new bridge. The remonstrators thought that, since the old bridge had been associated with so much crime, it ought to go. Now, think of it. Indiana avenue has been the scene of crime, and not the bridge because it happened to be on the avenue. People as a rule do not destroy all vestige of historical sights if they can be maintained without interrupting the progress of the community. History and poetry are generally of old things and not the brand new—these, the old, ruthlessly put aside, then what?

But the Niagara movement men can't resist the temptation to be dramatic. They say: "That black men are inherently inferior to white men is a widespread lie, which science flatly contradcts, and the attempt to submerge the colored race is one with world-old efforts of the wily to exploit the weak. We must therefore make common cause with the oppressed and downtrodden of all races and peoples, with our kindred of South Africa and West Indies, with our fellows in Mexico, India and Russia, and with the cause of working classes everywhere." A widespread fable, prevarication, falsehood, untruth, anything rather than that cruel expression, "A widespread lie;" it takes Dubois to say the picturesque.

The New Orleans colored Pythians are the proud owners of one of the most magnificent buildings owned by the race. It was formally dedicated on the 18th with ceremony in keeping with the splendid undertaking and the purposes for which it was erected. The address was by J. Madison Vance, the well-known attorney. The new temple is of steel, iron, brick, terra cotta and cement, and is fireproof. It is 101 feet deep, 64 feet wide and 102 feet high, and is six-toried. It has five stores, one office, and quarters for a bank on the ground floor; a theatorium with balcony on the second floor; a large meeting hall and eight suites of offices on the third floor; a meeting hall for Pythian lodges and a banquet hall and seven rooms on the fourth floor. Odd Fellows' lodge rooms and a convention hall and seven rooms occupy the fifth floor. There is a roof garden, and the whole building is modern in every respect as to heating, lighting and ventilation.

WOULD MEET CYCLONES.

BOONVILLE, Ind.—The Boonville baseball team wishes a game with the Mt. Vernon Cyclones before the season closes.

GOPHERS CLOSE SEASON.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—McCune, the crack third baseman of the Keystones, will leave for his home in Texas, but will be with the same team next season. The champion Gophers will play their last game of the season with an all-tar team at Lexington Park.

BERT WILLIAMS' TEAM LOSES.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—For the first time in its history Kansas City witnessed the field day exercise of Bert William's show at Association Park. Running, jumping and vaulting were interesting features, but the main event was the ball game.

Bert Williams captained one side and pitched the game, while Mr. Lightfoot captained the other, Chapelle pitching. The score after 7 innings of play was 7 to 6 in favor of the Lightfoot aggregation.

PLUTOS AND LELANDS SWAP.

Windy City Team Wins First Game But French Lick Takes Second.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—The French Lick Plutos broke even in a series of two games here September 23rd and 24th with the Leland Giants. The first game was well played, although there was six scores made by the Lelands. Watkins, who pitched for the Plutos, pitched a fine game only for his wildness, allowing six men a free pass to first. He had the Chicagoans guessing at times, and made them lay down the timber seven times. Dougherty was on the slab for the Lelands, by request of manager Burnett, of the Sprudels. Dougherty is formerly of the Sprudels, and was quite a favorite throughout the contest. The Plutos found him for five safe ones, but they were well scattered. He struck out seven men. The score:

R. H. E.
Lelands .....1 0 0 1 0 0 2 2 0—6 8 1
Sprudels ....0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1 5 1

Batteries—Dougherty and Johnson; Watkins and Watts. Sacrifice Hits—Booker, Johnson (2), Duffy. Stolen Base—Harris, Booker, Wright, Williams (2). Struck Out—By Dougherty, 7; by Watkins, 7. Hit by Pitched Ball—Watkins. Base on Balls—Off Watkins, 6. Time of Game—1:40. Umpire—Lawson.

SECOND GAME.

The Plutos won the second game despite the hard efforts of the Giants to score victory. Harris was in the box for the Plutos, and he proved a marvel against the heavy hitting Giants. They were able to connect with his benders but five times and they were all scattered. Harris has only pitched a few games this season, one was a no-hit game against the Sprudels in the spring. He has been playing third base, of which he is more pleased than pitching. Lasson pitched for the Giants, and only allowed the Plutos three hits, two being in the first inning, when the Plutos scored their only runs. By the Plutos scoring in the first and the Giants scoring in the third, this made the game a pitcher's battle, of which Harris was the aggressor. Moore, "Pinch-Hitting Ike," was called on in the ninth to bat for Johnson, with a man on first. He at once put the fans to flight by putting the leather over in right center, but fast fielding by Miller stopped him at second base and also held Tolbert at third. Booker flied out to Miller, which allowed the Plutos to claim equality. The score:

R. H. E.
Lelands .....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—1 5 1
Plutos ....2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2 3 2

Batteries—Lasson and Johnson; Harris and Watts. Two-base Hit—Pace, Moore. Stolen Base—Harris, Booker, Williams. Struck Out—By Harris, 3; by Lasson, 5. Time of Game—1:35.

GRIFFIN BEATS LELANDS.

Chicagoans' Conduct Criticised by Louisville Cub Fans.

By JESSE PALMER.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Leland Giants lost the series to the Louisville Cubs and it must be said, without contradiction, that they were the most ungentlemanly lot of ball players who ever visited in Louisville. The Louisville fans like clean ball and will pay to see it; dirty ball receives no support. The Falls City fans think the Lelands are a much overrated team, and if Mr. Foster would teach them a little more gentlemanly qualities, it would help his team both morally and financially. Every dirty trick they could think of was tried on the Cubs without avail. They lost because they met a better team, which Mr. Foster frankly admitted to The Freeman correspondent. Little Griffin, of Indianapolis, the Cubs' latest pitcher, twirled a great game, and too much credit can not be given the little fellow. Collins and seven other boys helped Leonard on to victory by sharp fielding and heavy hitting. The score of Wednesday's game September 22, was as follows:

R. H. E.
L. Giants....0 0 0 2 0 0 0 3 0—5 5 4
Lou. Cubs...1 0 0 1 0 4 0 0 *—6 8 3

Batteries—Norman and Johnson; Griffin and Collins. Two-base hits—Payne, Toney. Three base hits—West. Home Run—More. Struck Out—By Griffin, 4; Norman, 5. Base on Balls—Off Norman, 2. Umpire—W. Lee. Time—1:55. Attendance—300.

The Cubs took the Nebraska Indians into camp by winning both last Sunday and Monday's games. Score:

R. H. E.
Indians ......0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1 2 2
Lou. Cubs...0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 *—2 4 2

Batteries—Shane and Chief; West and Collins.

R. H. E.
Indians ......0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 4 0
Lou. Cubs...0 0 1 0 3 0 0 0 *—4 1 0

Batteries—Snake and Chief; Griffin and Collins.

Green, the leading batter of the Chicago City League, failed to make a hit in three games.

Little Griff pitched one of the best games of his life.

Johnson gave a splendid exhibition of how to catch. They say Palleway can catch. Well, I guess Johnson can go some.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Nineteenth Annual Conference of the Colored Men's Department of Young Men's Christian Associations of North America will be held in Louisville, Ky., December 2, 3, 4 and 5. The members of the Louisville Association are already making ample preparations for the entertainment of their guests, and it is confidently expected that this will be the largest conference ever held by this department.

The international secretaries are preparing with great care such a program as will cover the vital interests of the young manhood of the race. All are looking forward to this conference with great expectations. Its influence will certainly be felt throughout the entire country.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Hon. D. L. Dancy, LL. D., lectured at Tompkins A. M. E. Zion church, E. M. Argyle, pastor, and was greeted with a fine audience. Mrs. E. M. Olive, organist.....The Chattanooga delegation was larger than in previous years in the attendance of the National Baptist convention, Columbus, O., Sept. 15, 1909. This party was favored with first-class accommodations by traveling in a special car.....Miss Nina Kelly, a student of Wilberforce University, gave the public a high-class musicale, with the following program, at Warren A. M. E. church, Rev. I. H. Welch, D. D., pastor: Monday evening, September 27, 1909, 8:30 p. m. The program was of a spicy and attractive nature to all those who had the good fortune to be present on the occasion. An appreciative audience was present. Invocation, Rev. W. R. Marbury; instrumental solo, Prof. C. A. Calhoun; duet, Messrs. Hayes and Lewis; solo, Miss Nina Kelley; instrumental solo, Prof. C. A. Calhoun; solo, Prof. R. Hayes; remarks, by the pastor; solo, Miss Nina Kelley; trio, Miss Nina Kelley, Messrs. R. Hayes and H. Lewis; master of ceremonies, Prof. Wm. Brooks.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Lockley B. Jefferson departed this life Saturday morning. Burial taken place at Dark county, O.....Mr. Clarence Bray, of Bellefontaine, O., was the guest of his wife and parents.....Miss Mable Smith, of Hartford City, was the guest of Miss Kelley last Sunday.....Mr. and Mrs. Kelley had as their guest during the A. M. E. conference, Mrs. H. M. Simpson, of Jackson, Mich.; Mrs. Smith, Indianapolis; Mrs. R. N. Powel and son, of Frankfort, Ind.....Mr. and Mrs. John Hunt entertained during conference Mrs. Davis, of Plainfield; Mr. and Mrs. Cannon, of Cambridge City; Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Pettiford, Mrs. Morgan, of Marion; Mrs. Marrie Mully, of Carthage; Rev. Turner, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Ellen Latcher, of Chicago; Mrs. Edward M. ———, of Indianapolis.....Mr. H. J. Guye, insurance agent of Indianapolis, made a business trip to this city last week.....Mr. and Mrs. John Wade have returned to their home in Dayton, O., after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Fossett and friends.....Rev. Bass, of Dayton, O., attended conference and visited relatives and friends during the session.....Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Futson, from Urbana, O., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Easton.....Mr. Powell Suggs transacted business in Indianapolis last week.

CINCINNATI, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Mattie Wyatte, the beloved wife of Rev. Geo. W. Wyatte, D. D., departed this life Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and was buried Thursday morning at 10 o'clock from Antioch Baptist church, of which she was a member for 26 years. She leaves a devoted husband, mother, four sisters, one brother and many relatives and a host of friends.....Mr. Henry G. Ward, one of the popular young men of the city, died Saturday morning at 9:30 at his home on Walnut Hills, and was buried from Zion Baptist church, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. He was a member of Benjamin Lundy Lodge No. 1661 G. U. O. O. F., St. John F. and A. M. No. 3, Prim White Chapter Commandery, Garnet Lodge, K. of P., Uniform Rank, K. of P. Father James, of the Episcopal church, corner 8th and Mound streets, preached the sermon. Soloist, Prof. H. T. Jackson; choirister of Zion Choir and Miss Lillian Schooley, of the Episcopal choir.....The Freeman can be found at Beaver's bootblack parlor, John S. Thompson's barber shpo, 526 W. Sixth street, or from general agent H. B. Brooks, 422 W. Eighth street. Frazier's barber shop, northeast corner Sixth and Smith streets.....Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Alcorn, of Frankfort, Ky., was the guest of Mrs. Geo. Goodbar on last Sunday.....Mrs. Geo. Goodbar entertained Mrs. Blanche Cockram, of Urbana, O.; Miss Katie Roberts, Messrs. John Fielding and H. B. Brooks, of Cincinnati, at dinner on last Sunday.....The friends of Mr. Thomas Vaughn, the tonsorial artist, is glad to see him out again after several weeks' illness.....Rev. A. Kemp filled the pulpit of Rev. R. B. Hendricks of the St. John A. M. E. Zion church, while attending the conference at Louisville, Ky.....Rev. R. B. Hendricks has been returned to the St. John A. M. E. church, Georgia and Mound streets.....Mrs. Sarah Johnson and daughter Stella, will move to Cleveland, O., to spend the winter.....Mrs. Eliza Hall and daughter, Madam Blackburn, of Manistee, Mich., is the guest of Mrs. Mary Johnson, of 606 Mound street..... Mrs. Anna Peterson, of 606 Mound street, after two weeks' absence at Circleville, O., the guest of Miss Laura Redman, 580 Canal street, returned last week much delighted with her visit.....Mrs. Stephen Warren, of 583 W. Sixth street, is suffering with rheumatism.....Hon. W. T. Vernon, registrar of the U. S. Treasury, delivered an eloquent lecture at Allen Temple church on Monday evening to a large and appreciative audience, under the auspices of the Republican Union Club of this city. Rev. J. F. Walker, D. D., of the Zion Baptist church, was master of ceremonies. .....Mrs. Dr. J. F. Walker, who, after two months' absence, returned home on last Thursday, was tendered a grand surprise by the members of the Zion Baptist church at her residence, 1023 W. Ninth street.

KANSAS CITY, KAN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Lula Summers, of 312 State ave., Worthy Treasurer of the endowment of the Court of Calanthe in Kansas, spent Sunday and the early part of the week in Pittsburg, Kans., on business for the order.....Mr. Wm. Styles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Styles of State avenue., returned this week quite seriously ill from Muscogee, Fla.....The Anthicite Court No. 79 gave quite an enjoyable entertainment at Knights of Tabor Hall on Thursday evening of last week. The drill of the Rebeccas, vocal and instrumental music and recital of Dunbar's poems were the features.....The A. M. E. church conference of the Kansas district convened in Leavenworth, Kans., this week. Bishop A. Grant presiding..... F. S. Phillips is the new addition to our business contingent, 342 Minn., O. K. cleaning parlors.....Attorney L. W. Johnson spent last week in Coffeyville, Kans., in attendance at the Second Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Improved Modern Woodmen of the World.....Mr. Tilford Davis, of our local postoffice department, has returned from a few days' trip at Hensley, Okla.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Pauline Westbrook, who passed away Saturday, September 25, was held from Bethesda Baptist Church Monday afternoon, September 27, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Beasley preached the funeral.....The delegates from this city to the fifth annual convention of the Afro-American Women's Clubs of Minnesota at Duluth last week returned home last Sunday morning, after having two days of delightful sessions. The sessions were held at St. Markie A. M. E. Church, opening Wednesday morning, September 22, at 9:30 a. m., and continuing until after Thursday evening. The reception was held Friday evening in the auditorium of St. Markie A. M. E. Church. The State officers for the next term were elected Thursday afternoon at 3:30, as follows: Mrs. I. E. Gibbs, Minneapolis, president; Mrs. Jessie Williams, Duluth, first vie-president; Mrs. Lula Chatman, St. Paul, second vice-president; Mrs. Hattie Sherwood, St. Paul, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Smith, Minneapolis, assistantt recording secretory; Mrs. Carrie Lindsay, St. Paul, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Birdie Johnson, Duluth, treasurer; Mrs. Ophelia Rice, Minneapolis, chaplain; Mrs. Ida Sellers, Minneapolis, State organizer; Mrs. Alice Johnson, Duluth, historian; Mrs. Hester Reyes, Minneapolis, editor; Mrs. Laguina Williams, St. Paul, first assistant editor; Mrs. Vera Porter, Duluth, second assistant editor. Those elected heads of departments were as follows: Mrs. Kate Smith, Minneapolis, literature; Mrs. Jessie Mobley, Duluth, arts and crafts; Mrs. Hatcher, St. Paul, mothers; Mrs. Belle Black, Duluth, philanthropy; Mrs. Belle Hyatt, Minneapolis, juniors; Mrs. Nellie Francis, St. Paul, legal; Mrs. Cassie Walker, St. Paul, reciprocity. The delegates from the different clubs that attended the convention were as follows: From the Pastor's Aid, St. Peters A. M. E. Church, Mrs. Ada Beasley and Mrs. May Glover; from the Dorcus Sosiety, Bethesda Baptist Church, Mrs. Carrie Ford and Mrs. Lorine Smith; from the M. T. C. Art Club, Mrs. Mary Smith; from the Arbutus Club, Mrs. G. P. Sims and Mrs. Laura Davis; from the Missionary Society, Bethesda Baptist Church, Miss E. Wilson and Mrs. M. Wright; from the Tuesday Industrial Club, Mrs. Belle Hyatt....Master Frank Wheaton, of 2826 Chicago avenue, left the city Wednesday evening of last week, for New York City. He will not return for quite a while. His absence will be greatly felt by his many friends....Mr. M. W. Judy has just opened his dental parlor at 620½ Nicollet avenue, to trade especially with the colored people of this city.

EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CAN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Robert Johnson, of San Antonio, Tex., arrived in the city last week. Mr. Johnson intends looking over this land, securing a homestead and buy considerable property here. He will bring his family here next spring.....J. H. Goins and wife, of Winnipeg, left for a month's visit to Chicago, on their holidays..... Mrs. J. C. Swaine, of Winnipeg, will be the guest of Mrs. Noy Pierson, of this city next week.....J. W. Ward, of Winnipeg, was in the city last week.....S. B. Kirk and G. Jackson, were down from their homestead's last week on business. Mr. Kirk reported that his wife was very sick....Ralph Winn is back from a two week's business trip to Calgary, and reports that building is very active in that city.....E. H. Holmes, of Spokane, who has been in the city for the last fortnight, was called to the southern part of the Province, where he will be for several weeks.....J. W. Thompson, proprietor of the oMnty Carlo Restaurant at Stony Plain, has opened up a restaurant at Camrose. Mr. Thompson is one of our prosperous business men of the west. He has been in different parts of the Northwest for the last thirty years, and has always taken advantage of the small towns by installing a restaurant in them and growing up with the town. We need more men like this.....S. Burns, who has been running into Edmonton over the Canadian Northern, has gone to Detroit for his holidays. ....C. Skales, who holds a monopoly on the Bill Posting, etc., in this city, is getting out the new telephone directory for the city.....John Jackson has purchased a very valuable English bull dog. ....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address or any complaint of not receiving The Freeman, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East., phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.....The Edmonton correspondent would like to hear from Sir Hector, better known as the Black Knight, who is either in Pennsylvania or Eastern Canada.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The trouble at the Mattocks school over the large number of colored children in the classes is believed to be dying out. S. L. Heeter, superintendent of schools, reports that eight more white children are now attending the Mattocks, making twelve in all. At the opening of the school year parents of all white children in the district, excepting four, refused to send their children, and threatened to go to law to determine the legal right of the colored orphanage across the street, and that their parents lived in other States...Mr. George W. Cooper and Mr. William Robinson appeared at the Orpheum last week in a laughable sketch called "A Friend of Mine," which proved a decided hit. Mr. Cooper is a Harvard student, and his essays and poems contributed to the college papers and magazines are evidence of a broad culture that gives him the right to look to the mantle of Dunbar...This week the "Sunny South" company is playing at the Orpheum, and is composed of plantation entertainers, including Johnson and Wells....Mrs. Harriett Burrell is in Fulton, Mo., visiting Rev. Law and other relatives whom she has been unable to locate for about forty-seven years....At Lexington ball park last Sunday afternoon the colored Gophers met and defeated a semi-professional aggregation of ball players. Out of the 106 games played this season they have won 88....Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Carter are back from the National Convention at Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Carter has resigned his position as pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church and has accepted the financial secretaryship of a college in Missouri....There were memorial exercises held at St. James A. M. E. Church last Sunday evening, in honor of the late Governor John A. Johnson. Mr. O. C. Hall acted as master of ceremonies. Hon. F. L. McGhee, who was a personal friend of Mr. Johnson, was the chief speaker of the evening. He related instances wherein the governor had been a friend to the Negro, and had made several appointments, including Mr. C. E. James as factory inspector. Mrs. Lillian A. Turner, president of the Afro-American Federation of the State of Minnesota, also paid a glowing tribute to the governor, and read resolutions, which were to be engrossed and sent to the bereaved widow of the deceased. In the entire meeting the fact was demonstrated that the Afro-Americans of this city mourn the loss of this great man, whose heart was large enough to regard a man as a man, be he white or black....Miss E. Ross, of New York City, is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Hickman. Miss Ross is a national organizer of Young Women's Christian Associations, and hopes to organize a branch among Negroes of this city....Rev. Joseph S. Strong has returned from conference in Moline, Ill.... The State Federation of Afro-American Women Clubs met in Duluth, Minn. Quite a number of St. Paul ladies were in attendance. Mrs. Iona Gibbs, of Minneapolis, was elected to serve as president for the next two years. The delegations from Minneapolis and Duluth and Mrs. Iona Gibbs urged Mrs. W. T. Francis to accept the presidency of the State, but she resigned on account of poor health. She was also offered several of the other offices, but declined in favor of others. Mrs. Richard Chapman was elected first vice-president. Memorial services were held for Mrs. Marie King, who died this spring. Mrs. R. Chapman delivered a touching eulogy on the life of Sister King. Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Francis also spoke in glowing terms of her.

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DR. M. A. MAJORS, Editor. J. HOCKLEY SMILEY, Local Editor.
W. P. PERRY, Soliciting Editor. JAS. W. WOODLEE, Contributor.

President Taft was a very welcome visitor to Chicago last week. The white people of Chicago gave him the time of his life. Although it had been published that he would address the colored people, he did not have time to give the colored brother one of his characteristic smiles. Of course the big doings represented the cordial spirit of our cosmopolitan civilization, and there was no occasion for any kind of a side show in free Chicago.

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Dr. A. Lane, our present representative in the Legislature, has done well during his term of office. It cannot be said that he failed in impressing his personality upon the law-making body of the State. His bill, asking for an appropriation to build an armory for the Eighth Regiment, I. N. G., was both timely and beneficent. It is hoped that Dr. Lane will succeed himself in the next election, that he may be given ample opportunity to push his bill in the next Legislature, for such a bill benefits us all alike.

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Thanks awfully, Editor Abbott, for the pleasant mention of our wedding. *The Defender* was all the means at hand to give the public the news. There can be no doubt of its present importance in the journalistic life of the race in this great city, now that *The Conservator* is temporarily suspended. We are very much married, and happily, too. The bride was Miss Estella C. Bonds, oldest daughter of Edward W. and Margaret A. Bonds, of Chicago, who for eight years was government microscopist in this city, later a student of the Chicago Musical College, and one of our leading music teachers.

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It looks nice to see two of Chicago's brainiest Negroes upon such agreeable terms as Mr. George T. Kersey and Hon. Edward D. Green, of the State Grain office. Now, what is the next big thing to happen in Odd Fellowship? Oh, yes, the grand entertainment at Central Music Hall early in October.

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Mrs. Dr. George C. Hall has returned from Boston, whither she visited Dr. and Mrs. John Hall.

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The Business League is all alive, and Chicago will "produce" when the next meeting takes place in Washington. Everything of a business nature represented by Negroes in Chicago will be an eye-opener to the rest of the country. Dr. George C. Hall has got things to humming.

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The professional Negroes of Chicago are rapidly coming together, and it is beyond the prediction of man what the outcome will be if the united spirit continues to hold forth.

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The many literary societies which meet at the various churches Sabbath afternoons are again in session, and no one need complain that he has nowhere to go Sundays. Here is where the race's wealth of intellects congregate, and mental stimulus can be had freely. These organizations are formed upon a high plane of culture, and no one need feel fearful for lack of interest. A high class of subjects are presented, and excellent music, scholarly oratory and declamation form the order of the meetings.

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As one saunters along State street he is greatly surprised at the many hundreds of Negro enterprises, all making good, and run upon such a business principle that at once proves to be of absorbing interest. There you see merchants of every type, electricians, milliners, hair dressers, cigar factories, lawyers and doctors, large and commodious lodge halls, real estate dealers, undertakers, grocers, bakeries, bankers, money lenders, inventors, commission merchants and numerous other enterprises that are of engaging interest to the stranger.

SHEFFIELD, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Bible Band held their annual thanksgiving services Sunday at the M. E. Church. The program rendered was short and interesting. Rev. H. J. Macklin, pastor of the church, preached an able sermon for the band. The members of the band have decided to have a ten days' meeting, starting from the night of the annual service. The citizens are cordinally invited to attend this meeting and pray that much good much be accomplished....Mrs. Zella Price, N. D. G. M. of the Mosaic Templars of America, is working up a new lodge, and will be ready to set up the lodge in a few days....Mrs. Laura Dennis, who was hurt Saturday by a horse running away with the buggy, is resting very well at this writing....Dr. G. W. Stewart, of the C. M. E. Church, preached an able sermon Sunday night. Dr. Stewart is of Selma, and a general officer in the C. M. E. Church....E. H. Fields and T. B. Gipson have opened an undertaking establishment in their new building at Second and Nashville avenue....Don't forget to call at W. C. Cowley's for THE FREEMAN. See Mr. D. W. Shoemaker, the agent, there at all times.

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MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Miss Jessie Sleet, of Duluth, is in the city visiting and is the guest of Mrs. Francis Bartee.

COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:

In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana. No. 18274. Lucy A. Avery vs. Edward Avery. Complaint for divorce.

Be it known, That on the fourth day of September, 1909, the above named plaintiff, by her attorney, filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, complaint against the above named defendant, Edward Avery, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Edward Avery, is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court and answer or demur thereto on the 5th day of November, 1909,

Now therefore, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him, and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 5th day of November, 1909, the same being the 5th judicial day of a term of said court to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in November, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged will be heard and determined in his absence.

LEONARD M. QUILL, Clerk.
JAMES T. V. HILL, Attorney for Plaintiff.
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THE STAGE
HAYWOOD

Mrs. Marie Chandler and her pickaninnies have closed at River View Park at Louisville.

John Hedge and the wrestling ponies, "Banner" and "Madison," will return from the West December 15 to New York, and are booked solid to May, 1910.

The Plant Juice Medical Company has just closed its engagement in Muskogee, Okla., and opened in Wagner, Okla. The company closes November 1. John W. F. Woods will go to Memphis and spend a few days with his mother, and wishes to hear from friends.

Miss Pinkie Cooper, who is at the Orpheum with the "Sunny South" company, closes in St. Paul the week of October 2. She is taking a much-needed rest, and will be the guest of Mrs. Emma Taylor Jones, at Minneapolis, Minn., until after the holidays, when she will rejoin the company. She sends regards to her many friends.

Ray and Williams' Creole Belles are in their second week at the Casino, Hoboken, N. J., with the following: W. H. Ray, Harry L. Williams, Etta Gross, Mamie Furber, Margaret Price, Clarice Right, Nellie Cisco, Nettie Washington, Will Thornton (Cheery Kee). The company send their best regards to the Spiller Musical Bumpers.

The Pekin in Memphis is still showing to standing room only. Miss Carrie Hall sends regards to Vidie Devine. Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson are getting along nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Goodloe send love to Lena Hulett and the Beechums. The Jennings joined last week and are making a hit singing "Merry Widow Glide." Johnnie Lee sends regards to A. G. Allen's bunch.

Hunt and Corsby are making a success in the work in Chicago, now playing their latest success, "The Race Horse King," quite a pleasing hit for the general public. Don Dee Corsby is singing Bert Smith's latest hit, "In Watermelon Time." His partner, A. Wilson Hunt, is now using his own composition, words and music, entitled "It's Time I's Leaving." The team has just returned from a very successful engagement in Cincinnati of fourteen days, closing Sunday, September 12, and opened under Green & Brook's new agency Monday, September 27. Regards to all friends.

WHAT THE COLORED VAUDEVILLIANS ARE DOING IN NEW YORK AND THE EAST.

By Bradford.

Special to The Freeman.

Well, I drifted up to Harlem the other night and went over to the Gotham Theater, 125th street, near 3d avenue, and caught Epps and Loretta's "Yankee Doodle Minstrels." This miniature minstrel organization is well worth while and it certainly made over good with the large audience at the Gotham the night the writer saw the act. There were several members forced to take encore after encore. Among the principals of this act are the following well known colored vaudeville artists: Geo. Epps, manager and extreme end man; Geo. Williams, late of Smart and Williams; Grant and Williams and Thomas and Williams, now Williams and Smith. He is the opposite extreme end man; Bill Nash, late of Nash and Nash; Harold Davis, both end men; Mr. Wm. Wall acted as interlocutor and looked the part. Among the beautiful female portion of the "Yankee Doodle Minstrels" were the following: Isabella Lauretta, Tillie Smith, Glady's Greenwood, Harry Hill, female impersonater, and he is a clever colored artist. He is new in New York, having just came east from Carolina, but he will make good any old place. The songs and act ran as follows: Invisible chorus, "Raise the Roof To-night," by company, and "Jungle Town." Then Mr. Wm. Wall announced the introductory overture introducing Epps and Williams, extreme end men. Clever new jokes were told by the comedians. Right there in the customary way, the interlocutor introduced Miss Loretta, who sang "Dew Drop Rosie," and danced as only Miss Loretta can dance to several real encores. Her dancing is her own original style. Geo. Williams, who, by the way, helped to pave the way in New York, for the later day acts next sang "Five O'clock Tea," and took about seven bows. George is as good as ever and has got plenty of work. Then came Miss Tillie Smith, dressed neatly and made up beautifully, and sang "I'm Just Crazy 'bout That Kind of Love." That red dress that Tillie wore is the candy. Williams and Smith open at Chicago on October 4, booked up solid with their two-act. Geo. Epps next sings "Campmeetin' Time" to big applause. Epps is clever and always was. The closing song is sang by Miss Loretta, entitled "Any Old Place in Yankee Land," assisted by the chorus. They then go into a medley buck dance, joined in by the entire company, the curtain drops with everybody dancing. Curtain falls, but is raised time and time again. Folks, the Yankee Doodle Minstrels had him.

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Ed Hill left for Chicago. He did fine in New York.

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Walter Crumbley is still with the Alpha Comedy Four.

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Davis and Nash, two New York boys, are making some big hits in the east.

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Frank La Motte will look after C. V. B. A. column during the writer's stay in Europe.

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The Bruces woke them up at the Old Howard, Boston. This act's success in the East has been marvellous.

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Griffith B. Wilson, original "snake," is doing fine in New York City and expects to be back in harness soon.

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Vaughner, Patterson and Halliday played at Polis Theater, New Haven and Meridian, Conn., report big success.

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Hill and Hill were a screaming hit at the Atlantic Garden. Hill and Hill are a riot every time the writer sees them.

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Avery and Hart played at the Colonial Theater, New York, for Percy G. Williams week of September 27. Avery and Hart do a great act.

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Mrs. Maggie Thomas, late of Kid Thomas & Thomas. Maggie is working every week and looking fine, and sends best wishes to Kid Thomas.

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Johnson and Dean play the American Theater week of September 27. This is their first New York appearance since their return from Europe.

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The Boys are at Keith and Proctor's 125th street theater and by the way, they were going when the writer happened in. They are in for big success in the East.

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Deas, Deas, and Harry Reed, New York's popular trio, are going west over the Pantage's circuit. They are all well known in the West and the writer predicts success.

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Sam King is rapidly recovering his health and the writer hopes to see him along Broadway soon again. Nellie King is pianist at one of the Brooklyn vaudeville theaters.

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Gus Taylor, Michel's brother, is secretly preparing to surprise Michaels. Gus is going right into vaudeville and possibly will prove as big a winner as his clever brother, Michaels.

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The Marshalls, James R. and Eva Fuller Marshall, are a big hit at the Grand Opera House, New York City. Jim is using a piano in his act and is singing tenor as only James Marshall can sing it.

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John Rucker, the one and only Alabama Blossom, cleaned up at Hurtig and Seamon's Music Hall on Sunday. At that concert the report of Rucker's minstrel organization is a farce, as John intends to remain in vaudeville.

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Dan Michael is certainly funny. He is as funny to a colored audience as he is to a white audience, and to a mixed audience he is one roar of laughter after another. Keep on, Michael, and you will get $500.00 a week yet.

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A letter was received from Elwood C. Knox and duly posted at C. V. B. A. lodge rooms to give publicity to Carlisle and Bakers company for England. Oh, you Carlisle and Baker, I knew it was in you, 'cause Baker was my daddy in Milwaukee, years ago. (Particular emphasis on the years ago.)

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Miss Bessie Brown is one of the cleverest buck and wing dancers on the stage today. Charles Brown is the brother-in-law of Mr. Harry Wellman, the famous international colored song writer. Mr. Brown is a marvelous soprano singer. This act is playing clubs around New York City this season and are having a grand success.

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Joe Moore, New York's famous colored manager and artist, has arranged a show to play up the State. Joe Moore's Minstrels have become famous in every state in the Union and he gives employment to a great many colored artists when his show plays at Huber's Museum, New York City, where he has played for several years with great success.

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Lee Whipper opens a colored vaudeville agency soon on Lenox avenue. A colored vaudeville agency in New York has been needed right along and the writer sees great possibilities for Mr. Whipper. The writer thinks that any time you think you are right and show that you are right, you are all right. Whipper is a clever gent and is all right.

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Wm. Vodery is busy all the time writing the music for all of Hurtig and Seamon's shows. Any time a Negro is intrusted with such an important task, he has got the goods, and Vodery has got them. He is one of the greatest managers of music and originator of musical selections in the world. The name Vodrey means good music.

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Walter "Apis" Usher and Newell Morris, late of the team of Morris and Ball, have joined hands at New York City. "Apis" is very clever and Newell Morris is a nice fellow and a clever artist. These two young colored gentlemen have got the goods and a world of experience, so the writer can see nothing but good luck ahead for them. They are already booked on some of the best eastern circuits. Good luck, fellows.

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Reports just reached New York that while playing in a Canadian town, Black Prince and Chubby of the Alabama Comedy Four were offered a purse of $100 to spar six rounds before a local club. Now they are singers, not boxers, but when they saw the easy money in sight they thought they might as well get it, so they sparred six friendly rounds, the bout being declared a draw. They got the money.

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Lemonier and Wilson are certainly hitting them hard at the Novelty Theater, Brooklyn. When the writer visited this pretty playhouse Lemonier and Wilson's card was stuck out by the boy and the orchestra played that real live Lemonier music. The team certainly made a fine appearance and judging from their reception they are established favorites in Brooklyn. That's it, get a clientele and you can soon get that great big money. Lemonier & Wilson are getting in demand.

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The Knickerbocker Four is composed of Henry Jackson, second tenor and manager, and mandolinist; Wm. H. Sendder, first tenor; Geo. H. Cain, first basso and guitarist; J. B. Welstein, second bass and harp guitar. This is a vocal and instrumental quartette and are very good playing at Rector's, Sherry's, Waldorf, Martin's, Union League Club, etc. The writer was invited to Rector's to see the act and looked it over. It's great, that's all.

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Jeff Logan's son sent five of his big acts to Chicago to play J. Ed Green's circuit. The world knows Jeff Logan's son. Great gent. The acts sent by Logan are as follows: Wm. Robinson and Five Picks, Stewart Brothers, Wright & Brown, Brooklyn Trio and Hill & Brown. Another big shipment will follow shortly for J. Ed Green's mammoth circuit of vaudeville theaters.

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EXTRACT FROM BILLBOARD.

A special Hudson-Fulton Celebration march song has been composed by William H. Farrell, who has provided a number of successes for Charles J. Ernst and other publishers. This song, the lyric of which is by John E. Duffin, is published by the Owl Music Company of this city, and is entitled, "Welcome to Our City," with a chorus lyric as follows:

Welcome to our celebration, hurrah for
this display,
All have a smile and stay awhile, come and
take in Broadway.
We have all things that you need for, so
your sorrows you can drown,
Welcome to our celebration, three cheers
for the red, white and blue.

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Miss Rose Fox is one of the really clever colored women of vaudeville. She has been playing vaudeville for the past five years, being formerly with the famous Maceo. The act was known as Maceo and Fox. With Maceo this clever colored woman played eight weeks successful engagement at the Empire Theater, London, England, this being one of the only colored teams to play at that particular theater. The other team being the world's famous Britton's. How's that? Miss Fox has also played most all the leading eastern vaudeville theaters. She is having good success with her present act, Martin and Fox.

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Mr. Isaac Pritchard of 67 W. 134th street, New York City, who has acted as stage manager at the Gotham Theater at 125th street, since 1903, having first became a stage hand. He showed some class and consequently was elevated by Sullivan and Krause, the former managers, and at present he is capably filling the position on the stage for the Fox Amusement Co. He has also worked at the Dewey Theater and is well known to all colored vaudeville artists and he adds greatly to the comfort of any colored artist playing the Gotham. The writer hopes that Mr. Pritchard stays at the Gotham as long as he wants to. It is a miracle to see a colored stage manager in a first-class New York theater. When interviewed by the writer, Mr. Pritchard was making a set for a big colored act. The writer has dubbed him "Pritchard, the Great."

CLEVER BILLY YOUNG WRITES FROM WM. McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS.

Dear Friend Elwood: My afflicted hand has much improved since I last heard from you and I thought I would write you a few notes about this company. I have been with this company about six weeks and I find it one of the most congenial shows I have ever traveled with. Mr. Wm. McCabe, who is my former partner's brother to D. W. McCabe of McCabe & Young minstrel fame, is the proprietor and manager. We have a small company of ladies and gentlemen and the show opens with a swell semi-circle minstrel first part setting, and everything goes with snap and ginger until the finale of first part. The second part or olio consists of six specialty acts, and we close the performance with a one-act musical comedy entitled "A Trip to the Jungles," and it is a scream from start to finish. I find business is splendid, and Mr. McCabe has certainly made an enviable reputation through Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa, with the public as well as with managers.

We played Buxton, Iowa, on Labor Day to the largest business in the history of the house. We also had the pleasure of meeting your esteemed father, Mr. G. L. Knox, who delivered a stunning address to the Miners' Union. We have added four new members, namely, Mr. Thomas Warren, tenor singer; Mr. Norman Thomas, pianist, of Chicago; Mrs. Rosie Thomas (his wife), whose voice is a revelation to all who hear her sing. Mr. Happy Jack Windbush, comedian and dancer, and the entertaining sketch done by Wm. and Edna McCabe is undoubtedly one of the hits of the show. While clever Billy Young is the interlocutor in the first part and general straight man, my turn in olio, neat refined monologue, descriptive songs, neat dancing and bone solos, go fart to further the entertainment to a successful point of issue. We are booked solid in good time up until February, 1910. There is a strong probability that next season the old trade mark and reputable name, McCabe & Young, will be reunited and re-established and do the old favorite Sunny Southland. All the company sends regards to friends in the profession. The Freeman is like a ray of sunshine to us always.

C. V. B. A. SPECIAL NOTES.

By Bradford.

Notice—The Freeman, in instituting this special column for the C. V. B. A. Notes, once more demonstrates its claims to originality along this line of news. The Freeman is the first colored paper to give this deserving colored vaudeville artists' society a special column for their news.

Special to The Freeman.

Dixie Serenaders, Montreal, Canada.

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Murphy and Francis, Fall River, Mass.

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Brother Leubrie Hill's letter was the best ever.

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Yes, Bradford got his money at the 14th Street Theater.

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I was glad to see Brother Hodges at the rooms last meeting.

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Black and Jones, lately from London, England, are now at Milton, Pa.

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All C. V. B. A. members in and around New York City are well booked up.

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The emblems are ready. Get in line, brothers, and represent yourselves.

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Madison Square Garden Ball Committee: Lee Whipper, Bob Slater, Sam Davis.

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Appointed temporary house committee: Sam Davis, Bob Slater and Fred De Croom.

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The widow of the late Lord Henderson sent a letter of thanks to all members of the C. V. B. A.

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Brother Lawrence Deas was appointed one of the traveling deputies of the C. V. B. A. He goes west shortly.

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C. V. B. A. members, put this in your notebook: There was a special meeting held last week regarding the constitution.

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C. V. B. A. members in the West write Secretary La Motte at once. Important communications regarding tax for emblems.

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Lester A. Walton, acting president at the last meeting is a member of the board of directors and heart and soul with the C. V. B. A.

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The Brittons stoped at the C. V. B. A. headquarters on last Sunday on their way to Boston, Mass., where they are to open at the Orpheum.

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Committee was appointed to look after pool tables: Bro. Joe Moore, Bro. Prampin. Pool tables are now the property of Brother Lee Whipple.

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The C. V. B. A. has been officially pronounced by the New York press as the first and only colored benevolent society of colored artists in the world.

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Scott and Whaley, after a successful tour throughout the United States, stopped at the C. V. B. A. headquarters last Sunday en route to Sheffield, England.

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Look out for that big ball second week in January at the Madison Square Garden. Yes, the C. V. B. A. is the first to pull a ball off there for colored artists.

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Notice to Members—If you have got anything to write just send it to Elwood Knox, editor of The Freeman. Remember, this column is for all members of this association.

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Brothers of the C. V. B. A. notice if you have got anything to say, this is your special column. Say it here. Send it to Bradford. The Freeman will reach the travelers.

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Leon Williams, our president, is greatly missed around New York, but Mr. Williams will be back in harness at the end of his season. Al Bailey, Worthy Vice-President, has something up his sleeve.

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This column will be a permanent institution of The Freeman. It will let all brothers traveling know what's going on. Mr. La Motte, secretary C. V. B. A., will continue to write this column while Bradford is in Europe.

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Last week the writer explained in this paper, in his own original way, what the C. V. B. A. was. This week finds all members of the C. V. B. A. in excellent health—officia lreport of Mr. La Motte, secretary of the organization.

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The New York Press is praising the C. V. B. A. and it now has close to 300 members. All in good standing. The C. V. B. A. has won a victory and has got everybody talking in New York about the greatness of the organization.

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Among the visitors who have called and held social chats were Jones, Grant and Jones, Percy W. Robinson, John Joseph Boswell, George Hillman & Co., Majestic Trio, Vaughner, Patterson and Halliday, J. W. Cooper, ventriloquist.

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Members and readers of The Freeman, please copy in your date books, the C. V. B. A. is now installed in their new beautiful rooms at 506 Sixth avenue. Brothers, it is great; also note that the buttons are made and ready for all members.

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Last meeting Secretary La Motte reported three new members, reported by Dr. Cooper, M. D., official physician of the order, to be in sound mental and physical condition. New members' names: Mr. Lawson, Mr. Isaac W. Randolph, Wm. H. Mandeleff.

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C. V. B. A. wishes the writer to state that they are not connected in any way with any other so-called colored actors' benevolent society. There is only one C. V. B. A. and never was but one C. V. B. A., and never will be but one C. V. B. A. Think it over, boys.

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Among members present at the whist party held at the rooms last evening were the following members: Brother Harry Prampin, Brother Bob Slater, Brother Ralph Nicholas, Brother Hamilton, Brother Jimmy Worles, Brother Bradford. Quite a real stag party.

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Sam Davis, the honorable treasurer of the society, is a little treasure in himself. The writer got a letter from a gentleman in Texas the other day, asking if Sam Davis was the same Sam he used to know at Furber and Davis. The writer answered yes, but that he was now Saw Davis of Davis & Walker, and the honorable treasurer of the C. V. B. A. Society.

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On Sunday, Oct. 3, 1909, there will be opened a theater known as the Palace Theater, for Negroes, Black Carl, manager, 51st street and 7th avenue. John Rucker, the Alabama Blossom, Ray & Williams' musical team, Clemonto & Miner, songs and dances, and Nettie Glenn & Co. This is the first and only one in New York.

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Fiddler & Shelton's letter regarding Omaha was read by Secretary La Motte, the writer and all members thought it was great. Fiddler & Shelton do a great act and are really great members of the C. V. B. A. A few more good sensible letters like that of Fiddler & Shelton's will give C. V. B. A. members a line on the situation.

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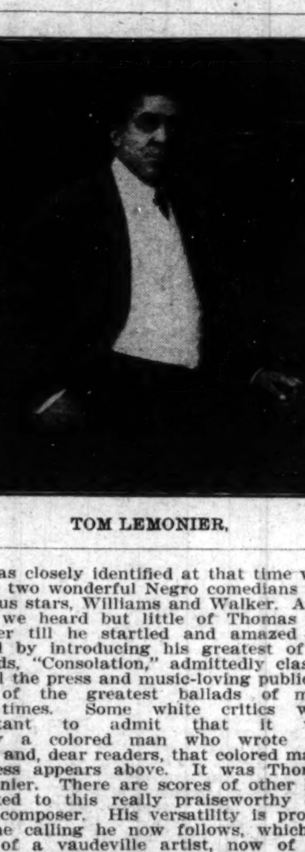
Say, fellows, the new club rooms and lodge rooms at 507 Sixth avenue, are great. The lodge rooms have been well chosen, being in the heart of New York within easy distance of all the principal depots. Street car lines, ferries, subways and elevateds. The lodge rooms consist of spacious apartments with large windows, are well ventilated, have pretty gas and electric chandaliers, pretty pictures, adorn the walls, beautiful Brussels carpet on the main room floor, reclining chairs, newspaper racks in the reading room, chinaware and brass cuspidors, beautiful draperies, ice chest in the buffet, etc. The Freeman is read by all the members.

TOM LEMONIER.

Special Interview by Bradford.

Tom Lemonier, whose likeness appears here, was born in New York City in 1870, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. His mother, Mrs. Sarah Lemonier, was one of the first colored ladies to reside in that vicinity. She was a well-known personage, and was identified in the colored church circles of New York City. The Lemoniers are pioneer colored residents of New York City. Thomas Lemonier first came into the limelight as a champion harmonica player, and had a challenge for three years in all of the leading New York papers at that time. Since then his career has been varied, but he has never lost his grasp as one of America's greatest colored song writers. We remember him when he wrote "Hannah from Savannah" and "I Want to Be a Real Lady." He wrote the above two songs for Miss Aida Overton Walker, and he was closely identified at that time with those two wonderful Negro comedians and famous stars, Williams and Walker. After that we heard but little of Thomas Lemonier till he startled and amazed the world by introducing his greatest of all ballads, "Consolation," admittedly classed by all the press and music-loving public as one of the greatest ballads of modern times. Some white critics were reluctant to admit that it was really a colored man who wrote this song, and, dear readers, that colored man's likeness appears above. It was Thomas Lemonier. There are scores of other hits credited to this really praiseworthy colored composer. His versatility is proven by the calling he now follows, which is that of a vaudeville artist, now of the clever team of Lemonier and Wilson, playing at present around New York City with unlimited success. We have yet to learn what is Tom Lemonier's best calling, and time alone will shape the destiny of this most versatile colored man.



TOM LEMONIER.

PHILADELPHIA STAGE LETTER.

By Cobby.

All is well—only a few changes. The Blair Nicolette has been bought by the Jack Duncan Company and the Duncan & Scott Stock Company open indefinitely These people are just off the road, terminating a sucessful summer season in the west. The above managers also control the Victoria Theaters Nos. 1 and 2, and know their little book. The principals of the house stock are Miss Grace Jackson, Madam Nichols and John Owens. Miss Jackson is a great favorite in this locality. Her evolutions and contortions always bring rounds of appiause. Mrs. Nichols and John Owens are also marked favorites. Mrs. Walter Emory and Conley have joined hands and left for Chicago, where they will put on a musical comedy act. Earl Burton, producer and stage manager for all D. and S. houses, has also left and is on the Southern circuit. Miss Mamie Jones, the sweet singer, was held over by Mr. Duncan, satisfying popular demand at close of week. She will join Mr. Burton at Richmond, where they will continue under the name of Burton & Burton.

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Tuckers—Harry Black, propertor, Jas. Moss, representative. No changes. Crowds still follow crowds. Cecil Moore, Happy Wilson, Laura Taylor, Mamie Campbell are the principals.

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Witsal's Cosy Corner—Manager Lewis is on deck again after severe illness. Proprietor Witsal has a mania for securing boys of the old school, his chief entertainer at present is his highness, Mocking Bird Rube. Old Rube is younger, if anything, and really delivers the goods.

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Siegel's Theater—Pop Green is still in the lead. He has on this week "In Society and Ghosts," a very good comedy act. Mr. Green is ably assisted by the real colored comedian, Joe Outing, who is very funny. Miss Josephine Berkley, the soubrette of the company, is clever indeed and well deserves the encores and bows received. Mr. Frank Robbins is making quite a hit giving an imitation of Bert Williams rendering "Late Hours." Others who come in for a good share of favor are Misses Tute Wells, Bessie Robbins, Goldie Foreman and Harry Lyons. Mr. Green, in the "Christening of the Baby," has found a great hit and should keep it on, the only criticism necessary is the girls seem inclined to have a little too much Salome in the work, and wherever it exists to any extent it hurts the performance.

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The Tolivers in a new novelty act are in town indefinitely. They are billed as the Whirlwind Tolivers. The act is much improved since last seen here; they do hardly any talking, which gives them time to get a very nice roller skate dance. Miss Mable Toliver is a high soprano and more than makes up all deficencies.

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Kieth this week gives us the Majestic Trio, a real clever act. Mr. Michaels, the comedian, is the best colored comedian seen in Philadelphia this season. Mr. and Mrs. Towels are the other two.

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John Malloy's Shoo-Fly Trio is booked to appear at Atlantic City this week. Miss Eva Alexander, the soft-shoe dancer, is now the female member of the three.

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S. H. Dudley, "His Honor the Barber," is heralded for the National next week. Andrew Tribble, a big favorite here, is en route with the same company. The boys are preparing a rousing welcome for Matt Johnson and his friends. This is Matt's home.

SIMPLY DEHOMEY—IN CHICAGO.

The grand old stroll put on it's fall coat without giving us any warning, but things will be in regular running order next Sunday, and this classic promenade will be ablaze again.

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Deas, Deas and Harry Reed passed through the city on their way to British Columbia.

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Cook and Stevans are to appear at the Majestic this week. These boys are old Chicago favorites. Things have changed since they last appeared in Chicago. Nevertheless, the knights of the stroll will take care of the upper part of the house during their stay here.

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Sam Corker, the man in front of the Red Moon Tribe, put one round night in Dehomey. Sammy says that one lap is enough for him.

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Again the mail man has stopped. Bring us mail from Seattle! Has the Fair closed? If there's any trouble, brothers, send word to the goats. They can fix up anything.

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Well, we are to have Mr. Bert A. Williams in "Mr. Lode of Kole" next week. Everybody is ready. Dehomey is going to show itself. Well, in fact, the first is ours from the boxes clear back to the alley.

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Harrison Stewart and Matt Marshall received twenty-one weeks from the Western Vaudeville Association, and they have an act that can make good twenty-one weeks. One of their songs, "King Bungaboo," is an act by itself.

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We will lose our dear little Nettie Lewis for the winter. Miss Lewis has thirty weeks in Cuba and nearby islands. Cubans will get a chance to see a real colored soubrette, something we don't think has toured the island before. Oh, yes, Walter plays down there again this winter.

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Well, well, well! Miss Leona Marshall has taken the part in the "Red Moon" that Miss Mitchell left vacant. If this little lady is given a chance, she may yet show us what kind of goods she is made out of. She is a hard worker, and has a hard row to hoe when picking up where Miss Mitchell left off.

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The William Goats, a popular theatrical organization of Dehomey, had their first bump last Friday night and grand disappointment, and had a nice little dose of double cross handed them by overstepping themselves or trying to carry a good thing too far. It's well that they got this setback; it will work up more interest and make the wise heads pay more attention to business.

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From the amusement end of it, things were never in better order. The last move that J. Ed Green made for the Chester Amusement Company stopped everything for a while. The acts that he brought direct from New York are not any better than our acts with the exception of the Brooklyn Trio. But they surpass anything ever shown in Dehomey. This is a Big Wheel act.

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Miss Abbie Mitchell, who played the American Music Hall last week, has the distinction of being the second colored lady in America playing first-class houses alone and not buck dancing. The first was Miss Rachel Walker, who played Hammerstein's Roof Garden for four months without an intermission. The very presence of Will Marion Cook when Miss Mitchell is singing makes one that knows them think of Spangalli and Trilby.

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Some more bad news. New Orleans has quit, so far as sending here for high-class acts. Reason given that the people of the gulf city have not been educated up to supporting high-salaried acts. In the future the house will put on stock and light vaudeville. Williams and Stevens have been engaged to put on stock and manage the house. No one blames the management for making this change, as the Bank of England only could have stood the expense of that house. Let us hope for the better.

PITTSBURG SHOW SHOP.

By Jassimine.

We are still having very nice weather, and everything is going fine along the Avenue. Both of the playhouses are drawing large crowds nightly, and business is very good at present.

G. Harry Bolden, the city's most popular colored vocalist, has closed with the Fulton stock company and will take a much-needed rest before taking up his duties as soloist with the Damon Concert Band, formerly the First Brigade Band.

McKissick and Shadney, two of New York's cleverest performers, are now playing in this vicinity, and from all reports are going "big."

Ringer and Bunch, those ever popular singers and talking comedians, were in the city, and reported that they have been doing good business. They are now on the Morganstern time.

Harry C. Waters, the well-known secretary of Local No. 471, A. F. of M., has moved back to his old stand at 1215 Wylie avenue, and is again conducting a first-class tonsorial parlor, to which he profession is respectfully invited at all times.

The first of a series of sacred concerts by the Municipal Orchestra will be given at the Warren M. E. Church, Sunday, October 10, 1909. The soloists at this concert will be J. E. Lain, 'cello, and William Butler, bells. Special music will be arranged by Prof. Striplin for these concerts.

Earl Walker, the comedian of the Fulton stock company, has proved himself to be the "fashion plate" of the Avenue, as he always makes a splendid appearance when on the street.

While spending a few leisure moments in the office of the Western School of Music Publishing Company, last Monday afternoon, the writer had the pleasure of hearing a very pretty duet sung by Mr. G. Harry Bolden and R. G. Baker, entitled "The Little Red Stockings Baby Wore," in a creditable manner. The writer hopes to hear this number rendered in one of the playhouses before long, as it is indeed a "hit"—in fact, a "riot."

Just now the slogan along the Avenue is: "I like my vaudeville, but, oh, you stock company!"

THE STAR.—"A Trip to the Pole," a very funny satire on the discovery of the pole, is presented by the Ed Winn Stock Company this week in a creditable manner. In this sketch little Miss Lena Snowden, the popular leading lady, is seen to advantage. The work of the chorus is also a feature in this playlet, as a very good number, "The Eskimo Dance," is nicely executed. Miss Eva Wise, an exceptionally good contralto, is also heard to advantage. The show is a whole is very good, being far above the average.

THE FULTON.—"The Count of No Account" is presented by the Fulton Stock Company in an acceptable manner. A feature of this company is the work of the chorus, as they are all singers of no mean ability. Mrs. Fannie Jackson, a brilliant young soprano, is the feature of this week's bill, singing "I Live for Thee," the season's latest song hit, by Bolden and Bush. Earl Walker, as the bogus count, was acceptable, his work showing an improvement over that of the past. Julia Smith, a clever singing and dancing comedienne, did her work in an excellent manner and was forced to respond to numerous encores. The rest of the company is far above the average, and the performance as a whole was well presented and well received.

BERT A. WILLIAMS COMPANY AT KANSAS CITY, MO.

Bert Williams (minus George W. Walker), with an admirable company of fifty-eight people, came to Kansas City September 19 and played one week at the Shubert. The best testimony that can be given for the show is that, beginning Sunday night and for the remainder of the week, the S. R. O. sign hung in place. "Mr. Lode of Koal" is an excellent vehicle for Mr. Williams in his fun-making effort, and, since he has surrounded himself with the best singing chorus he has ever had, the show rounds itself out in a way that pleased all.

The private party at Lyric Hall Thursday evening, from 12:30 on, given by the company, was an enjoyable affair. An excellent program was rendered and a splendid menu served. Dancing continued until night woke to blush and found it dawn.

Messrs. Shad Spangles and Frank Banks, two of the city's foremost entertainers, gave their first soiree of the season September 23 in honor of the Williams company. Prof. Willie Young and his incomparable orchestra dispensed the music. By 10:30 o'clock Turner Hall was taxed to its capacity, and the season's fashions were on parade. The Dr. Cook hat, the latest creation in gowns, were mystifying as they whirled by, and when at last the strains of "Lonesome" died out and "Home, Sweet Home" swelled out, in each face was a pang of regret.

GEM THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

We are still in the lead with the Memphis stroll, with packed houses every night. Our stage manager, Willie Too Sweet, is well pleased with his bunch of people. Mrs. Mamie Johnson and Paul Carter have just closed a successful four months' engagement, and have joined hands, filling a vaudeville engagement at Jacksonville, Fla. Miss Trillie Colzuet has closed a nine months' engagement. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lansel, Mrs. Susie Cook and the original Billie Chilling and others are making good. Miss Lulu Too Sweet has written another drama, "Way Out East." Our stage manager is among the best comedians of the business. Regards to all friends.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Miss Susie Fisher, of Erie, Pa., is the guest of her sister.....Dougles Whitehead is on the sick list.....Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Albert Horton and George Rideout attended Canfield Fair Wednesday, and also Mr. and Mrs. Dr. F. H. Sampson.....The Ladies Alone Club gave a surprise on Mrs. Oscar Smith on the Salt Springs Road Friday evening..... William Saunders will have skating at Anon Park, Monday evening, October 5th, and a girls' and boys' race.

WHERE THE FREEMAN CAN BE FOUND IN NEW YORK CITY.

Frank Jackson, 340 W. 41st street; B. Rosenbaum, 568 Seventh street; C. J. Gary, 131 W. 53d street; Robert Shields, 228 W. 4st street, and James J. Labey, southeast corner 28th and 6th avenue.

PEKIN THEATER, CHICAGO.

It would be hard to pick the feature act on the Pekin stage this week, as all the acts are strong ones. Professor W. H. Van Dorn's experiments are very interesting. Madge Clinton and her Picks were great. They are all good dancers. This is one of the best acts of its kind in the country. The Boldens, in their original singing and dancing act, were a big hit. Full of life from start to finish. McCormick and Walace, novelty ventriloquists, and the great McGarvey, imitator of the gentle sex, completed the bill.

WANTED.

At once, for the season, a good, reliable piano player. For particulars write Mrs. R. L. Pannell, Staunton, Va.

ROUTE.

SUNNY SOUTH IN VAUDEVILLE WITH JOHNSON AND WELLS—Week of Oct. 3, Orpheum Theater, Omaha, Neb.

BLACK PATTI'S MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Ardmore, Okla., Oct. 4; Sherman, Tex., 6; Dallas, 8; Fort Worth, 9.

A RABBIT'S FOOT COMPANY—Cairo, Ill., Oct. 4; Union City, Tenn., 5; Trenton, 6; Humbolt, 7; Brownsville, 8; Milam, 9.

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GOOD-NIGHT, SWEETHEART, WIFE AND FRIEND.

By J. HOMER TUTT.

(In Memory of My Loving Wife, Marie B. Tutt.)

Good-night, sweetheart, wife and friend in one,
The play is over, thy good work done;
How soon dies life's brightest, clearest light,
Brighter the day, darker seems the night.
How soon our joys and triumphs end,
So goodnight, sweetheart, wife and friend.

Good-night, sweetheart, wife and friend, 'tis well.
Our parting bears no harsher import of farewell.
While kind memories linger and loving words,
And the good, the genius of thy presence stirred.
God's will, you were brave, patient to the end,
So good-night, sweetheart, wife and friend.

The Elite Theater, at Florence, S. C., is having appreciative audiences at every performance. Alonzo Peterson is musical director. The house is under the management of J. B. Skipper and the stage is under the personal direction of Mance McDaniel.

The Smart Set Company played to packed houses at Baltimore, Md., last week.

Albert Jenkins, formerly representative of THE FREEMAN at DuQuoin, Ill., has joined Lee's Minstrels.

P. G. Lowery is making elaborate preparations for his winter shows, which will be called Lowery's and Morgan's Mighty Minstrels.

The "Big Three Trio" headed by Clintz Moore, Elbert White and Mrs. Ella B. Moore, opened at the Lincoln Theater, Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 27.

The Crosbys—Harry and Ella—are booked over the Orpheum Circuit for twenty weeks, opening in Ogden, Utah., Sept. 26.

Mr. Allen McClelland, the tailor, with the Wallace-Hagenbeck Circus, is doing a good business with the boys on the show, being the only colored man to operate a tailorshop with a circus.

Ray and William's Creole Bells Co. opened to packed houses at Hoboken, N. J., with the following members: Will Thornton, better known as Cherokee; W. H. Ray, Harry Williams, Clarice Wright, Nellie Cisco, Nettie Starke, Etta Gross, Mamie Feber, Midget Price and Henry Johnson. Griffith B. Wilson, stage manager; Ray and Williams put on their new musical act. It is a big hit. Company sends best regards to all friends in the profession.

MAJESTIC THEATER.

The Majestic Theater at Greenville, S. C., is meeting with much success. London Johnson is cleaning up with "I Am Going Where Chickens Run Wild." Isaac Williams is singing, "Where I Was Born, There Ain't no Blustering Storms." Mrs. Beatrice Johnson is giving "Down Among the Sugar Cane." Mrs. Mack Daniels, "I Want Some One to Be Real Nice to Me." They also have the gold dust twins, singing, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep." Johnson and Crosby send regards to Tutt Whitney and all friends. Frank Crosby is musical director. Richard Bradshaw is trap drummer and sends regards to the entire Dixie bunch.

FREEMAN GETS BRADFORD.

There were several colored journals who tried to outbid T E FREEMAN for the services of Harry Bradford, the great Eastern writer, but THE FREEMAN Publishing Co. outbid them all and secured Bradford, who will also be sent to England and the continent of Europe by THE FREEMAN to secure interesting articles for the Indanapolis FREEMAN. This will be the first colored journal in America to send a representative colored writer to England to get news regarding the colored artist in general abroad. There will be several interesting articles appear in THE FREEMAN exclusively from time to time regarding the colored actors and actresses in European cities. Watch THE FREEMAN, the colored journal, with the original methods.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY.

The initial performance of the Fourteenth season of the Voelckel's Black Patti musical comedy company in a musical play, "A Trip to Africa," was presented at the Auditorium, Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 23, before a large and appreciative audience. Mme. Jones, the original Black Patti, was in excellent voice and scored a terrific personal success in the new role of Lucinda Lee. Jolly John Larkins, as Raiz Jenkins, is probably the funniest Negro comedian ever seen on our local stage, having to respond to innumerable encores. Others worthy of special mention are Sara Green, Jerry Mills, Augustus Hall, Anthony Byrd, Will Cook, and a chorus of twenty-five handsome creole damsels. The costumes were dazzling, and the entire production artistic and sumptuously mounted. The performance was unquestionably the best Black Patti has ever brought to the vapor city.

DIXIELAND MINSTREL COMPANY.

There are just fifteen in number, that's all, and business has been a grand success from our opening town, Harrodsburg, Ky., to here, Winston Salem, N. C. The company is made up of the following people: Jipper Roberts, E. Stone, J. Hicks, Al Williams, Jess Wagner and Harry Sanders, end men; Vinie Stone, Susie Harris, Alice Ramsey and Nettie Howard, soubrettes; Ed L. Howard, in the center chair, Chas. Harris, has the orchestra. The members are Chas. Harris, leader; Prof. Green, trombone; Rose Reece, clarinet; Grover Brown, second violin; Frank Wagner, trap drummer; Ed Fisher, bass violin; Lew Wells, cornet. Our two wide-awake soubrettes, Nettie Howard and Alice Ramsey, are cleaning up nightly. Jipper Roberts is doing Uncle Eph to the standard and John Hicks is holding his own as Aunt Dinah. The company is under the management of Edward L. Howard and they send regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

LINCOLN THEATER, LOUISVLLE, KY.

The people of this city have learned that they can go to this popular playhouse any week and spend an enjoyable evening. The quality of the shows put on leaves nothing to be desired. It is the only colored playhouse in the city and is conducted in a manner equalling the white theaters. Every comfort and convenience has been provided by the management, and the best of care is taken to see that every patron of the theater goes away pleased. The intention of the owners is to put in a stock company, the nucleus of which has already been formed.

John Overton and Vance Lowry lead the bill with a funny skit entitled, "To Heaven by Wireless," and their antics keep the audience entertained for fifteen minutes. Beulah Rhodes and Wanita Wilson, in a sister act, introduce several new steps, and the ease and grace with which they pirouette and whirl around wins them several encores. L. Tish Lee sings "Kiss Me, Dearie," and her rich full voice gives perfect expression to the delicate shades of tone and meaning. Cleve Pruitte, the man with the mild voice, does a monologue, and surprises the audience when he bursts into song, by the richness of his baritone. The bill concludes with a sketch, "Lost in a Bughouse," and the queer stunts of the "lunatics" keep the house in a constant roar.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

A new show, "Georgia School Days," will open the week of September 27 to Oct. 2, at Daly's Theater, Pennsylvania avenue and Greenwillow street. The book of this new play is by Hiram Sorrell and the music by Scott J. Ferguson.

The company consists of twelve well known artists, namely: Misses King and Grey, Frank Clark, Hattie James, Miller & Jones, Willie Jones, Hiram Sorrell, Sadie Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Holland.

Hiram Sorrell will leave the company for his Western tour in September. "That's what I say." Regards to Billy Gibson, Sherman Coates and Jerry Gones.

AGREES WITH FIDDLER AND SHELTON.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox, Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir.—In regard to the article, "Non-Applaudies," by Fiddler and Shelton, appearing in your issue of Sept. 18, I readily agree with the same. Our race as a rule does not applaud. It seems as though they can not understand the real up-to-date jokes now like they did some ten years ago, when our grandfathers would say, "Why does a chicken cross the steel, etc." Then they would even stamp their feet and clap their hands until they were almost blistered. The people in the South seem to be of the same nature.

It is claimed that the great Southern States is where all the funniest come from, not any reflections on Mr. S. H. Dudley and other great Southern comedians, and if this is true then it seems to me that if they gained their knowledge of the stage in the South, why is it that they can not understand the latest jokes? We are now in the State of Mississippi where only a few colored shows go, and where there are only a few so-called opera houses, parks, etc. The State is being entirely entertained with tent exhibitions where they understand nothing only that the performers should be blacked up from the beginning of the show to the end, with a big white mouth and a big red eye, then they will sit and point, whisper and laugh in each other's face. Only when we put on an act with shooting can we enjoy the applause of the audience.

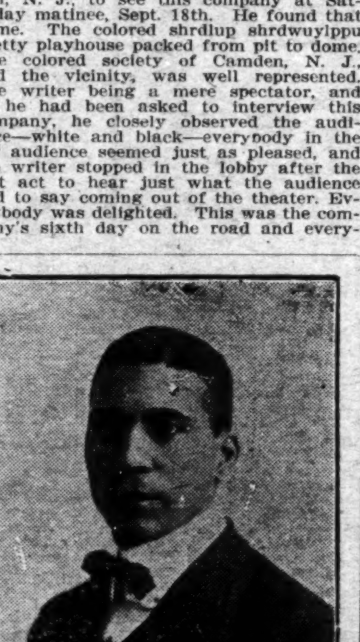
We think it would be a very good idea to do just a little teaching in our monologues and perhaps that will give them the real idea what the performer is trying to do and the comedian in the South will receive the applause as elsewhere.

J. W. HAMILTON,
Baritone Singer with Allen's Minstrels.

S. H. DUDLEY, "HIS HONOR, THE BARBER," WOULD PROVE AN HONOR TO THE COLORED RACE ON BROADWAY.

By BRADFORD.

If ever S. H. Dudley hits Broadway, New York City, with "His Honor, the Barber" company this season's vehicle headed by that clever colored comedian, it is a good safe bet that the show will stay on Broadway a good long time. "His Honor, the Barber" is a clean, clever, comical musical comedy production the writer went to the Camden theater, Camden, N. J., to see this company at Saturday matinee, Sept. 18th. He found that dome. The colored shrdlup shrdwuyipu pretty playhouse packed from pit to dome. The colored society of Camden, N. J., and the vicinity, was well represented. The writer being a mere spectator, and as he had been asked to interview this company, he closely observed the audience—white and black—everybody in the big audience seemed just as pleased, and the writer stopped in the lobby after the last act to hear just what the audience had to say coming out of the theater. Everybody was delighted. This was the company's sixth day on the road and everything was in good running order. The scenery and costumes of the entire company were elaborate in every detail. Below is the result of Bradford's interview in his own original way:



S. H DUDLEY

Round 1. Taken at the Camden Theater Ringside at 2:20 p. m.—Theater packed to the doors and standing room at a premium, 2:25 p. m., Tim Bujrun enters orchestra pit to big reception and bows acknowledgment of same to vast audience. Bujrun strikes batton on music rack and orchestra plays grand overtune of catchy music, written by Bujrun. Curtain 2:30 p. m. Ensemble number by chorus in plantation costumes. Chorus working all the time. They score heavily in a pretty opening selection entitled "No Use Working all the Time." "Boots Allen, the old, reliable, marvellous old man impersonator, then sings "Corn Shuckin' Time." Three encores with the handsome chorus girls dancing in lively fashion.

Enter Mrs. S. H. Dudley with a clever line of patter, playing the Sporting Editor of the Bazoo Gazette, the race horse talk by Mrs. Dudley is immense. Hello, here's Andrew Tribble, playing Babe Johnson with a line of the funniest talk ever. Those cherries on that hat are funny. You all know Tribble is funny anyway. Exit Tribble. Leaves them in an uproar. One woman right in back of Bradford has laughed all ready until she is crying. Behold Lawrence Chenault, the Chesterfieldian of colored actors, and the matinee idol of the colored race. He sings in this first round "Captain Dandelion." It's a dandy song, sang in dandy style, and I am not lying. Chenault sings it, and that drill by the company is a winner. Jas. Burris enters next with pretty winsome Camille Cassele. Mr. Burris plays Mose Lewis, a sport. Miss Cassele plays Widow Brown, and in tha triding habit looks like a model in form and fashion. Miss Jennie Pearl now comes on the scene as Lillie White and she has one of the song hits of the show in "Rainbow Sue." Miss Pearl is a diamond to "His Honor the Barber Co."

Interest is now intense and the audience has been in an uproar ever since the rise of the curtain but, look out, here comes S. H. Dudley, "His Honor, the Barber." That house has gone laugh mad. Raspberry can't open his mouth. The audience is laughing real laughs. Dudley's comedy is original. He copies no one; he is Dudley himself. His exit in that wheelbarrow is about the funniest thing that ever happened. Laughs, laughs, laughs, laughs. Babe Johnson Tribble now sings "Watermelion Time," and does that famous Tribble original dance and gets away big. Curtain drops and the S. H. Dudley band headed by Matt Johnson, parades here. Curtain raises again, showing Dudley and his world-famous mule, Patrick, in front of the White House. Dudley and the mule have some new talk that is bigger than ever. Mule exits at this juncture.

Dudley's acting ability comes to the front when Lawrence Chenault Captain puts the doped liquid into a drink of gin he has tendered to Raspberry per plot of the show. Dudley, in an innocent, foolish-looking way, drinks the doped gin and several people in the audience near the writer were crying, but the next minute with a series of funny manouvers Dudley has them laughing stronger than before, but as the dope takes effect on Raspberry, he falls prone on the White House steps and goes to sleep. Crowd enters and Chenault tries to make Raspberry appear as a deep-dyed villian in the eyes of the members, but Wellington White comes to his rescue and tells them all that Raspberry is a good fellow and is not drunk, and also explains that the reason that they found him on the White House steps is because his (Raspberry's) one ambition in life is to shave the President of the United States so as to become famous. He then cues the finish of the first round and the company sings "Let Him Dream." After four curtain calls, the curtain raises and shows S. H. Dudley (Raspberry) in the interior of the White House, laughing and stropping his razor, preparing to shave the President. First round finishes with S. H. Dudley smiling in the White House. Gong saves the colored lady's life in back of Bradford.

Second Round—Pretty girls, pretty scenery and good singing and dancing.

Chenault, in that white uniform is it. Yes, I said IT. "My lady Owl" was sang by Chenault in Chenaultian style. Miss Casselle looking prettier than ever in that pink dress with the lace overskirt, but stop right now. I ain't no dressmaker, but that dress was a beauty, and she sang "Consolation Lane" and sang it as the members of the male chorus also sang it, in neat brown suits. They looked very smart indeed. I h eadrMatt Johnson's bass voice, one of the prettiest, sweetest voiced colored lady singers was heard next. A beautiful song, "Isle of Love." Miss Lillian Brown is the lady who sang it and the audience fell in love with the "Isle of Love." It was lovely. Miss Jennie Pearl next put over another hit in "Crybaby in the Moon." Miss Pearl has great stage presence and is a finished artist. Those moonlight effects are great and the song was a big hit, as well as the singer.

Jim Burris next sang "I Like Dat" with the assistance of the entire company, and by the way, that is the greatest ragtime song that was ever written and Jim does the song and he dresses his part lavishly and looked good in his clothes. I like that and so did the gallery like that. They whistled, stamped and shouted and it got six curtain calls, right there Dudley appeared and danced with Burris and they got a couple of more curtains before the bell rang on the second round of "His Honor' the Barber.' Principals and seconds not worried over th eoutcome.

Third and Last Great Round of the Dudley Show—Timekeeper Bradford.—Interest is more intense than evr and curtain finds Raspbrry, S. H. Dudley, still asleep on the White House steps. I guess the readers of THE FREEMAN have guessed by this time that the dialogue, etc., of the preceding act was supposed to be Raspberry's dream, but for the benefit of those who didn't, the writer wishes to state it was the company sings "Southern Delegation," a catchy number, to big applause. Miss Casselle and chorus now sing "Merry Widow Brown," and again a hit is recorded. "Down at the Jockey Club," by chorus was great. I almost forgot to tell you that in the first part of this act Dudley wakes up after the chorus sings a cracker-jack number, "His Dream is O'er." Dudley is getting so many laughs at this period of the of the show it is a little hard to keep track of the way things are going on and I am writing between laughs that green suit with red cuffs at the bottom of the trousers that Dudley wears is funny. It is extremely so. Dudley next introduces one of this season's funniest songs and the writer is waiting to rtnder his decision on the third round, the song proved to be the hit of the entire show and S. H. Dudley had to respond to eleven encores and could have taken more, but he modestly begged to be excused. The song was "Come After Dinner, Bring 'Long You're Lunch and Leave 'Fore Suppertime. In begging to be excused by the audience, S. H. Dudley showed the writer conclusively that he, Mr. Dudley, gives everybody in his company a chance to do their part and make good if they can. Dudley is great and so is his company. A funny show from start to finish and a show that could make good on Broadway if given a chance to do so. Dudley opened strong finished stronger and the writer declares S. H. Dudley's "His Honor, the Barber" company a good clean knockout.

Special Notice.—The writer will review all eastern colored shows and vaudeville acts from time to time, showing no favoriteism, but will simply review shows and acts in his own original way for THE FREEMAN Publishing Co., exclusively. The reason that the writer has not reviewed other colored shows is because at the time of their initial eastern appearance he was not writing on THE FREEMAN staff, but from now on he will get a review of them all, from an unprejudiced standpoint, big and little colored acts and shows will receive receive the same consideration from th ewriter. It will be well also to state that Bradford is not connected with any other colored paper or magazine and his notes will only appear in THE FREEMAN. No act will be too small or none too big for the writer to write about in THE FREEMAN.

ABOUT THE PLAYERS.

Dudley Appearing in a New Play—Bland and Jones in Indianapolis.

S. H. Dudley, in "His Honor the Barber" is anticipated in these parts with considerable anxiety. No one out this way can imagine what "His Honor will have to do and say, so the only thing to do is to just wait and see. The theatergoers know Dudley, know him as a prince of funny fellows. He and Hogan were more nearly of a class than any other of the great showmen. Since the death of Hogan Dudley stands fairly unrivaled. A writer speaking of him, said that he was the most democratic of them all—of all the high-class play people. It is true, Dudley is "easy o meet," a thing very much in his favor, since personal following counts in the theater business. One must have his "clacquers," don't you know, and if you have them without effort, it is so much the better.

In some other business other than the theater, the very reserved is best at times, and perhaps at times in that business, but for the most part the hail fellow well met idea serves the stage men. The women, of course, will not come within the law. It is immensely to their credit to be thought a little reserved. I said on another occasion that Dudley would as soon come up the street with hat on his head hind part fore as otherwise. He greets his friends and acquaintances cordially, but through it all he does not forget that he is the inimitable. He is not freezing in his conversation, seemingly desires to be authority on what he knows most about—his acting. Of this he has but very little to offer gratis. When the time comes he just does things.

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With the coming of the small theaters it should spell opportunity to many more young colored men and women. So far those appearing on the vaudeville stages in this city have been those who had long since made reputations for good work. This has reference to the colored performers. In consequence of their long standing before the public they, as a rule, take the little show houses by storm. It will be noted that some of these people have toured Europe, hence of great experience. If one observes carefully he will note that the majority of white performers are rather young in the business. They are teams of young men, or young women, or a man and a woman, or more than two, as the case may be. Sometimes the act is that of one individual. The point is that with the various forms of getting before the public, the ambitious young colored men and women should be more often seen. The young white performers work hard to make their acts go. They have to get something totally different from the other fellow. This is judged by the very widely different presentations. The colored performers have the advantage in that they seem to be expected to do much of the same business—plenty of singing and dancing, and then come on with the elegance.

Notwithstanding the limitations there is yet a wide range. For instance, a colored girl at the family theater recently came near being a star of the set known as the "Dancing Michells." She was but a girl, not a woman girl—a child girl, who, when off the stage looked as mild and timid as it is possible to look. She would not have won a moment's thought from any one in passing her. On the stage she was a wonder. The audience was delighted with her work. Her singing was in keeping with her dancing. "Coonish," of course, but appreciated. With a little addition to what she does, she could make it alone. She has the basis; she sings well, dances well—she could be further taught what to do in order to make a success. This has in mind limited work, where the colored performer has to stick to representation of the race or some similar race. In time the limitations will be etended and then the colored vaudeville actors will have more scope. They'd better begin to get ready now. The public is getting used to them.

The success of the little girl, indicated by the applause, is the cue, I think, for branching out into untried fields. Perhaps a singing stunt fairly alone would go grading upward as those things go, from Negro folk love songs, through the coon song phase, sentimental, then a bit of high-class singing as a finale—with the best voice, it ought not to be necessary to say. Some neat little dancing will be included according to the demand today. This is not very much different to what is being done, however, on the part of white performers, girls, women and sometimes men.

Take the singing of the colored cowboy, a character song, by Bland and Jones, seen in Indianapolis last week. Here was the most original attempt to do something different within the limitations. Bland is a rather young man, but old to the stage. His stage experience and knowledge assisted him greatly in his make-up for the cowboy character, and which was as good as could even be conceived of. He does not attempt to get away from his race by the excessive use of rouge and paint; he, however, smears the stuff on, making a captivating looking cowboy. His costume was not gaudy, as it could have been, simply a "roughing it" cowboy's outfit, but in typical western style, including belt and holster for his pistol. Bland sang a cowboy song—a descriptive song. Perhaps to say that is sufficient to those who know him. Well, for fear there are those who do not know him, I will say that for elocution he leaves nothing undone. Really he is an extremist when it comes to gestures. He did the work greatly, seeming to go on the theory of orators, that everything is fair that adds to the effectiveness of the rendition. The little theater ment wild over his singing, over his acting during the singing . He made a hit here, hit after hit, and more than likely he does the same everywhere he goes. While singing Bland cracked his revolver time and time again and according to Mr. Shakespeare, the action suited the words. The audience called him repeatedly, but the law of vaudeville is as that of the Medes and Persians—without change—he could not respond, saying that his partner just had to hold the stage while he was making his change for his next appearance.

I spoke about the act as a whole when the team showed here last season, saying, among other things, that the first part could stand some improvement. I still stick to the "original"—the first part has not changed in quality, although reduced as to quantity. The act begins with a little comedy; it is just tolerable. For instance that "What did Paul Say?" gag is Methusaelistic, and was bad in the first place. They may not cut it out, but it will not be because it ought not to go. Of course, they make good further down the line—a kind of warming up idea, maybe.

Jones' singing of the Yama Man was also a feature of the work of the team of Bland and Jones. He has a powerful sympathetic voice, which he uses with enthusiasm. It is wonderfully clear, considering the amount of singing he does. His characterization was in keeping with his singing. The audience did its best to have Jones respond, but time did not permit. As said last year, he can not be excelled in this particular song.

The finale was a scene in Dahomey, where the two performers did some good work at representing a phase of the life of the natives of that country. This was also greatly appreciated.

VAUDEVILLE AND OTHER COLORED SHOW MEN FROM PHILADELPHIA.

By BRADFORD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

There was a midnight German lunch given by Mrs. Emma Robinson at her beautiful residence at 305 Juniper street, Philadelphia, on Friday night, September 17, and Saturday morning, September 18. Among the guests present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. James Burris, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Clermonto, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bradford, the great De Rose, female impersonator, and Mr. Walter Cornish, master of ceremonies. Mr. Mr. Tim Brynen volunteered as pianist on the occasion. Several witty bits of patter were handed out by the company. Lunch was served with liquid refreshments by a well known Philadelphia caterer. The program for the evening was as follows:

The great De Rose presented his monolague songs and his original version of Salome. Mr. De Rose is the cleverest female impersonator the writer has seen for many a day.

Mr. Robinson sang, "Good Old Georgia." Miss Etta Miner obliged with "Inspectin' Gal." Lillian Bradford rendered "Pumpkin Pickin' Time." Jim Burris put in "I Like That."

Harry Bradford attempted "Any Old Place in Yankee Land." Tim Brynn played his latest classical and ragtime selection and by the way, Tim Brynn is one of the greatest musicians that the colored race possesses and that is seven-time talk.

The reception broke up at 5 a. m., Saturday, and just think, everybody had to give a matinee but Mrs. Emma Robinson's midnight supper will go down in history as one the the pleasant affairs of the show business.

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Kelly and Catlin filled in the last half of the week here at the Park theater and everybody said that they were the best ever seen in their respective lines in Philadelphia.

While passing by the Chestnut Street Theater in Philadelphia, the writer noticed in the frame in front of the theater two colored people's pictures, a man and a woman, and on looking more closely found that out his eyes did not deceive him and that they were really colored and members of Philadelphia's leading (white) stock company. He went round to their dressing room and interviewed them for THE FREEMAN. I found them unassuming and not overly heady over the great work they are doing for the colored race theatrically, like all clever artists, the writer found them a little backward regarding an interview, but when told that it was for THE FREEMAN, America's greatest colored newspaper, they consented to let the writer know something about themselves. Their names are Mr. Walter Cornish Robinson and Mrs. Emma Robinson. They have been members of the Orpheum Stock Company for the past two years. They have also traveled with several shows before, taking their present position as stock members. They are well liked by everybody in the company and highly respected by all patrons of the Orpheum Theater, and they play any parts that they are cast for and are a valuable acquisition to the company they are with at present. Before joining the permanent stock company at Philadelphia, they traveled with the following organizations: W. A. Brady's "Under Southern Skies," J. A. Goodall, "Coontown Four Hundred," W. T. Scanlon Co., F. G. Fursman Co., Jones Courdmaker's "Funmakers of Quadroons." James Burris and Nick Spratley's Ice Man Co., Jacob Litt's Last Stroke Co., Powell and Kennedy's Madison Square Co., Ernest Hogan's "Oyster Man" and other companies. Their present manager, Mr. Percy Winters, of the Chestnut Street Theater, thinks that there is nobody like Mr. and Mrs. Robinson. It does the writer good to see colored artists with a first-class white stock company. Below are some notices that these two clever colored people gave the writer for reproduction in THE FREEMAN:

MRS. EMMA ROBINSON.

The following interesting letter is from one of our little girl friends:

Dear Sir—I was to the theater Tuesday afternoon with my mother and some of her friends. We enjoyed the play very much. But I was so sorry when Lieutenant Burton wouldn't let poor old mammy pass through with the basket. I thought it offul, and she wanted to fead the poor soldiers. She knew they were hungry, too. Oh, we were so glad when he gave her the silver back. I know she was too. Poor old mammy, I wish she was working for us I would be offul good to her. When the play is over would you let her come to us? Oh, I would love her so much. We have a store and lots of good things to eat and she could have everything we had. Please respect my little note.

Sincerely yours,
LITTLE SCHOOL GIRL.

(The "poor old mammy" referred to was in "The Warrens of Virginia." We want to inform our little sympathetic freind that "mammy" has a nice home and is not so cruelly treated off stage as she was on it.—Ed.)

WALTER ROBINSON.

The subjoined letter was received by Mr. Percy Winter, the Orpheum Company's stage director, and at the request of the writer is answered through The Orpheum News. The letter is as follows:

"It is with a great amount of pleasure, and possibly a little curiosity, that prompts the undersigned to write these few lines.

"After seeing the Orpheum Players in "The Heart of Maryland" (in company with a friend), we were both very much pleased with the acting of the entire company, especially with Miss Barney, who certainly is an exceptionally clever artist.

"Another member who aroused our interest is that very capable actor, Mr. Walter Robinson, his character of 'Uncle Daniel' seemed so real and true, so much so that a dispute arose between myself and my friend as to whether Mr. Robinson is in real life a colored gentleman. My friend said he is and I said he is not.

"In conclusion, allow me to say that you certainly have a very capable company of players, and we enjoyed their acting and the play immensely."

Very respectfully yours,
DAVID L. ELKINS.

In reply to this, Mr. Winter desires to say that Mr. Robinson is a colored gentleman and an actor of several years' experience.

The other characters are in the capable hands, good work being done by Emma Robinson, Louise Randolph, Henry Edwards, Peter Lang and Joseph Creaghan.

WHAT OTHERS SAY OF US.

San Francisco, Cal., July 15, 1909.
Editor FREEMAN,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Sir: Enclosed find the amount for another year's subscription for THE FREEMAN. Its pages continue to be newsy, clean and aggressive. May they contain more and more good, wholesome food for thought.

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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

SPORTING NOTES.

By HARRY W. JACKSON.

The Shreck Ross bout was a draw.

The low ball has been the puzzle this season, says Joss.

West, of the Louisville Cubs, has pitched a star game of ball this season.

Jim's father doesn't want him to meet Johnson—and neither does Jim.

"Take it from me, I am afraid of no one in or out of the ring." It still holds good.

The Carlisle Indians are the first to pile up a big score on the gridiron field this season. They beat the Lebanon Valley College by a score of 30 to 0.

PLUTOS BEAT GIANTS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—The hard-hitting Plutos defeated the Leland Giants, the champion colored team, Friday, September 24, 2 to 1, in the most exciting game played here this season.

Little Harris of the Plutos was invincible all along, allowing three scattered hits, while the Plutos got five off of Lawson.

LOSE TO ALL-PROFS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The Louisville Cubs lost Sundays's (September 19), because Sommers would not let them hit. Sommers gave as fine an exhibition of pitching as has been seen here this season and received perfect support. The score:

										R.	H.	E.
All Profs.	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	7	8	0
Lou. Cubs.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	5

Batteries—Sommers and Kahlkopf; Martin and Mitchell. Time—1:45. Umpire—Nutter. Attendance, 1.500.

IOWA MAY HAVE COLORED PLAYER

Special to THE FREEMAN:

IOWA CITY, Ia.—Iowa may have a colored player on its football team the current season, for the first time in nine years. Alexander, a Des Moines Negro of much ability on the gridiron, came out for practice and looks like a good lineman.

Coach Griffith put his first man on the hospital list when O'Brien wrenched his ankle and was carried from the field. He is a possible center, if he recovers promptly, although Collender and Conly, last year's players, are dangerous candidates. Nearly thirty-five candidates were out trying for the eleven.

AFTER CHAMPION GOTCH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW YORK.—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Carolina was Zbyszko, the champion wrestler of Poland, who intends to challenge everybody in the heavyweight class, including Frank Gotch, the world's champion. He has defeated every person whom he has met in Europe, including Ivan Padoudney, the Russian wrestler, who defeated Hackenschmidt in two straight falls, each of which was obtained in less than ten minutes. Zbyszko is booked to make his first appearance in this country in Buffalo on October 7. Jack Herman, of Buffalo, is his manager.

MATHEWSON TO RETIRE.

ST. LOUIS.—Perhaps the greatest pitcher of modern times, Christy Mathewson, by many considered the superior of all box men, past and present, s going to retire from baseball at the end of this season. The authority for this statement is no less a person than Matty himself.

"Big Six" is not using this declaration as a lever to boost his salary for remaining with the Giants, as he never had to haggle over his baseball compensation, but it is merely his decision to close with an opportunity to go into business and make far more money than he can in baseball.

The business which will claim Matty's time and money is the production of creosote railroad ties, and he and his partner, and old college mate, expect to operate a plant in Nova Scotia, where the ties will be subjected to the creosote process, and already they are in on the ground floor on a number of big railroad contracts in Canada.

CUBS TAKE ONE FROM LELANDS.

Fall City Makes Even Break with Leland Giants of Chicago.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

It was the slaughter of the innocent Monday, September 20, at Reccius Park and the Kentuckians went down to defeat by a score of 15 to 3. The Cubs found Lawrence's weak spot and hammered him unmercifully. Uncle Rube put in Hill to get what was coming to him. He got it good and strong. The feature of the game was the heavy batting of Pugh, who made a base hit with three men on bases. Tuesday Uncle Rube was determined to win and he and his boys did everything, right and wrong, to win. Their ungentlemanly conduct and their dirty ball playing finally won out by a score of 13 to 11: The score:

										R.	H.	E.
L. Giants	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	3	6	4
L. Cubs	2	2	5	0	4	0	2	0	*	15	14	1

Batteries—Lawrence and Booker; West and Mitchell. Umpire—Nutter. Attendance—900.

								R.	H.	E.
L. Giants	2	4	2	0	0	4	1	13	14	3
L. Cubs	0	2	3	1	5	0	0	11	12	7

Batteries—Norman, Dougherty and Booker; West, Martin and Collins. Umpires—Nutter and Carter. Attendance—400.

FEARED KETCHELL WOULD LOSE HIS FIGHT TO LANGFORD.

Why New York Sports Petitioned Governor to Prohibit Coming Off of of Ketchel-Langford Bout.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW YORK.—The astonishing statement has been made by a high county official that the calling off of the Langford-Ketchell fight, scheduled for last Friday night, Sept. 17, at the Fairmant Athletic Club was really instigated by well-known local sporting men who feared for their bets.

"The truth about the affair has not yet been printed," said this man to a reporter. "As a matter of fact, Ketchel, the favorite, hurt his arm in training, or at least a report that he had hurt his arm was circulated quietly. There happened to be a group of men prominent around Forty-second street and Broadway who had wagered big sums of money on Ketchel to win.

"Fearing that if their man went into the ring with a crippled arm he would be licked by the Negro, these men set to work deliberately to break up the bout. They succeeded in arousing certain anti-fight advocates without letting their interest in the matter be known to the reform element, and as a result strong representations were made to the Governor that the law was about to be voked.

"You know the result—the Governor called on the district attorney, the sheriff and the police commsissioner and the bout was prevented—and the boxing game, already in a bad way, got another body blow, from which it is not likely to recover."

MAY SCRATCH OFF JEFF.

Johnson Gives Boilermaker a Limited Time to Sign New Articles.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Jack Johnson, the world's heavyweight champion, and his manager, George Little, are "hot" because James J. Jeffries has made no final settlement for the fight. According to Little, Johnson will scratch the retired heavyweight off his list unless a further set of articles are signed by October 10.

Little says that when the tentative agreement was signed in Chicago with Sam Berger, acting for Jeff, it was agreed two months would be allowed for final settlement. "Since that time we have heard nothing from Jeffries indicating that he wants to fight," said Little. "We have been fooling with him long enough, and have decided to give him the last notice. It looks as if he wanted all the advertising possible and and then will quit us."

The fight atmosphere was cleared up greatly recently by the arrival of Willus Britt and middleweight champion Stanley Ketchell. All speculation as to whether or not the world's championship bout between the Wolverine and Johnson would be staged October 12, as per the original schedule, ended with the appearance of Ketchel.

Both Ketchel and his manager denied emphatically that they wanted the match postponed. They declared they had not made their hurryup dash across the continent to indulge in any talkfest, but to fight.

"I'll be ready for Johnson on the date set for the battle, and he'll be sorry that he did not agree to a postponement," said Ketchel. "The holding of the bout October 12 merely means that Johnson's reign as champion will end."

Britt announced that the middleweight champion would hurry to Colma hills today and start training for the big battle. Ketchel appeared in fine shape on his arrival and looks as if he will need but little work to fit him for the most important fight of his career.

SAYS THE BROOKLYN ROYAL GIANTS ARE CHAMPIONS

Royals Beat Philadelphia Giants for the World's Colored Baseball Championship.

Nat C. Strong, business manager of the National Association of Colored Base Ball Clubs of the United States and Cuba, says that those teams who are claiming the world's colored baseball championship by defeating the Leland Giants have no claim to the title. Strong claims that the Chicagoans have never been the real world's colored champions and that the Brooklyn Royal Giants are the rightful claimants. He writes to us the following: Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Dear Sir—I note in an issue of your paper that the Colored Championship of the World for 1909 is claimed by the St. Paul Gophers, the Kansas City Giants and numerous others, but I desire to ask when and where the Leland Giants proclaimed the colored champions, and when did they acquire that title? The Philadelphia Giants have been the World's Champions forseveral years and have been recognized as such even by the Lelands, and to win that title from the Philadelphia Giants they journeyed to CChicago last summer, 1908. The series stood three games for each; the Lelands refused to play the tie off, therefore the "Phillies" came east after playing the Lelands. They lost the title to the champion Brooklyn Royal Giants, and while the Philadelphia Giants beat the Lelands again in Detroit in a series, and also from the fact that the Lelands refused to play them in Chicago this year, this put the Lelands out of the race.

Again, this season, 1909, the Brooklyn Royal Giants defeated the "Phillies" in the East in the usual series for the championship which practically gives the championship to the Brooklyn Royal Giants, notwithstanding any claim of the St. Paul Gophers or others. I can not see where there should be any dispute as to the real colored champions for 1909, and I may add that the Royals are ready to defend their title against any team who may dispute the same. I have no fear as to the outcome of such a series. The Brooklyn Royals and the Cuban Stars, of Havana, Cuba, are winding up a series for the International Colored Championship and the Royals have, at this writing, have won the first two games of a series of five.

Sincerely, A. C. STRONG,
Business Manager.
World Building, New York City.

SAYS JOHNSON'S UPPERCUT WILL DAMAGE JEFFRIES.

Tommy Ryan, as great a fighter as ever lived, says Johnson will whip Jeffries. A fighter's opinion as to the outcome of a great ring battle as a general rule, isn't worth much, but Ryan unbosoms himself in regard to the Johnson-Jeffries affair, and we must pause and have a listen to wise old Jawn.

There never was a cuter fox in harness than this man Tommy, and it is going to startle the entire sporting work when it reads that in his opinion Jim Jeffries will be led out of the ring after the Johnson fight a broken and beaten man.

Of course, James Jay and T. Ryan do not agree as they once did. Tommy took too much of the credit for Jeff's success on himself and it made Jeff mad. In giving this, his opinion, Ryan makes it plain that it is an honest prophecy, and is not prompted by any difference with Jeff.

In a letter Ryan says: "I am out of the game for good myself and take very little interest in fights, but when Jeffries and Johnson come together Uncle Tommy will be at the ringside. Don't think that just because Jeff and myself are on bad terms that I am taking the Johnson side. I honestly believe that the Negro will win. In the first place, Jeff never met a man of his own bulk, and in the Negro he will hook up with one who is his equal in poundage. Then Johnson is not only as clever as Corbett, but he is a punishing fighter, even if he is not a strictly knockout man. He has one punch that will land Jeff—that uppercut. This is the Negro's one best bet, and he will use it until he finally wears down the big fellow.

"This Johnson is a cool, crafty fighter. He never wastes a punch. He will enter the ring intent on wearing out Jeff, while, on the other hand, Jeff will tear in like a bull. Jeffries has seen his best days, and he will never go the route again. True, Johnson has lived rather a fast life, but history has proven that the black man has been more able to carry out the campaign against gin than the lily whites have against John Barleycorn. I look to see Jeff fight himself out in ten rounds, and then go down.

FRANK C. LELAND RESIGNS.

Withdraws His Connection with the Famous Leland Giants.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Frank Leland, manager of the Leland Giants and for several years the owner of that club, resigned from it last week and incorporated a new team, which he will enter the local circuit next year under the name of Leland's Chicago Giants. Up to this year Leland owned the club alone, but the team was sold to a stock company and for several months the former manager has had but little say in the management of the team. "Rube" Foster being the active head. Leland formed the club several years ago when he split up partnership with W. S. Peters, who owned the Chicago Union Giants with Leland. Leland will endeavor to get a franchise in the Chicago League next year.

Mr. Leland writes us the following in regard to his resignation as president and a member of the board of directors of the Leland Giants Baseball Club: Sporting Editor of THE FREEMAN:

Sire—Since writing you I have resigned as a member of the board of directors and the presidency of the baseball team known as the Leland Giants, only to take a similar position in a new corporation known as Leland's Chicago Giants Baseball Club, or in short "Chicago Giants," and I have already opened offices at 2551 State street, and my first official business was to sign for the new big colored team the famous boy wonder, Wm. Lindsey, who pitched against the Leland Giants at Kansas City, striking out sixteen men, allowing the Lelands only one hit. In leaving my associates in the Leland Giants I go wishing them nothing but success, but as every one knows in baseball there is nothing but rivalry, and as I have worked very hard for my former associates' success and every follower of the national pastime knows that they have had nothing but success under my reign. I am going to put forth my strongest effort to make in my new team the "Chicago Giants" the world's greatest baseball club. I will scour the whole country and pick nothing but the best players, and the best we must have for the new Chicago Giants. It will in all probability be the highest salaried colored baseball club in the world. I am going to make arrangements to have the players report at New Orleans, La., March 15, and there put in two weeks at hard practice, then start a tour of the Southern cities, making such places as Birmingham, Mobile, Memphis, Chtatanooga and other cities en route home to Chicago by May 4, when we shall start our Northern campaign and in all probability as a member of the Chicago League.

Just before closing I would like to comment on Mr. James Smith and his baseball article last week. In one particular remark, when he claimed Walter Ball as being the greatest colored pitcher during the past season, I heartily endorse it, and can frankly say Walter Ball's brilliant work as a fielder and pitcher was practically responsible for the Lelands winning the Chicago League penant. Thanking you for the space and time that I have taken to announce the coming of my new big team, the Chicago Giants, I am, yours truly, FRANK C. LELAND.

SECOND BASEMAN MUST BE A GOOD "TAGGER"

Ability to tag a runner is the one point that marks the difference between a good and mediocre second baseman. Pennants have been lost in the past just because the man at the keystone sack lacked the instinctive sense of touching a base stealer at the right time. Any league magnate will tell you that as many games are lost by the failure of a second baseman to "get" the runner as any other fielding cause. Or, to put the case stronger, almost wice as many battles are lost because of this feature.

One case in point is the present low standing of the Chicago White Sox. Jake Atz is the regular second baseman of the team, and he is a good, fast man. But he is not a star on tagging base stealers. It has been figured that his failure in this respect has cost Comisky's team a number of hard-fought games, and it is largely due to this that the former world's champions are so low in the pennant race right now.

Take a great second baseman like Larry Lajoie, of Cleveland, "Germany" Schaefer, of Detroit, or Johnny Evers, of the Chicago Cubs. Watch any one of them when arunner starts to steal. Few men are able to get past them, providing the throw from the catcher comes anywhere near good. They seem to take the throw and touch the runner in one motion. Evers and Lapoie probably are the peers in this respect. The instinct has to be born with a player.

Atz and many other second basemen of both leagues have diligently practiced tagging men. But many times they are a second late where one of the great figures at that position would have the runner started back to the bench. Few fans realize how important a thing it is to get a man on second during a close game. It means that there is an even chance to score on anything like a safe hit. That is the reason why the second base is like a bunker on a golf course or a dangerous turn in an automobile race. Once past the obstacle means an easier task ahead.

Many of the stars have a way of straddling across the line, thus leaving the stealer no way to reach the sack except to use football tactics. Frank Isbell, of the White Sox, who is now playing first base, was a wonder in blocking, equalling Schaefer and Lajoie, according to many critics. All three men would make good fullbacks on college football teams, being of large size, powerful and able to resist a shock. But men like Evers, who are of slighter build, rely more on their craft and speed.

KANSAS CITY, KAN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Copies of THE FREEMAN each week can be secured from W. C. Martin, 1512 N. 3d street. Subscription taken. Papers delivered.....Strenuous efforts are being put forth by some of the colored citizens for the founding of a bank.....Sumner High School opened its doors last week with an enrollment of 147. Prof. J. J. Lewis, formerly principal of Douglass school, has been added to the corps of teachers as assistant principal. Miss Laura Harlan succeeds him as principal of Douglass.....Emancipation Proclamation celebration was held at Booker T. Washington Park, Wednesday of last week.....The San Antonio Bronchos and the K. C. K. Giants crossed bats in a series of four games of baseball at Riverside Park the past week. Over twenty thousand people witnessed the four games. The two teams dividing honors, two games each...Mrs. T. S. Booker, of Everett avenue, has returned from a visit among the old folks on the farm at Topeka, Kans.....At the recent second annual Grand Lodge meeting of the U. B. F.'s and S. M. F.'s of the State, Mrs. Mary Alexander, one of the most venerable old pioneers of this city was elected an honorary member for life. An act which has evoked praise for the order from all over the city.....Mrs. E. L. Gayden, of State avenue, has opened a real estate office.....Miss Marie Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Johnson, of North 8th street, has returned to resume her studies in the high school at St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Johnson has been employed in the local postoffice as carrier for twenty-three years in this city.....Mrs. Annie Hubbard, of State avenue, spent the early part of last week in Joplin, Mo.

An advertisement in The Freeman always brings results.

Sam Langford, whose sledge hammer whallops are much feared.

The Ketchel-Langford flivver has done two things to the pugilistic calendar besides piercing the tender hearts of the students of the Queensberry game. First, it has eliminated the only line we might have had on the scheduled Johnson-Ketchel fight for the heavyweight championship of the world. Second, it has made that battle a certainty. If Samuel, the Unfortunate, had flattened Steve there would have been no market for the San Francisco attraction.

It also gives us another example of the ossified luck which pursues Mr. Langford, of Boston. For several years this strong brunett's person has been infesting the outskirts of the Queensberry camp. His only fault was that he was too good for the topnotch men of his weight, and this being the case, Sam was forced to wage a guerilla warfare on the heavyweight camp followers, taking whatever he could get in the way of pork chop money and holding his peace. Only one white man was addicted to Langford as a habit, and this man was Jim Barry, the 200-pound warrier. Langford fought Barry wherever half a dozen people would assemble to see the mill. Jim was Sam's meal ticket and the Langford family should revere the name of Barry as a patron saint.

Then came a slight rift in the clouds. Langford went to London and made some money by fighting Pig Iron Hague, after which he returned to this country, spoiling for trouble. After some loud talk by wildcat promoters, Sam got his chance at Ketchel, and the short end promised more money than the Boston fighter had ever seen herded together at one time. Encouraged by the promise of better days, Sam went into active training, and it was a poor time for pork tenderloin. After a long lean season, the pride of Boston was about to purchase diamonds and ride in automobiles. And then, just as things looked brightest, the gas went out. There was a total eclipse of the rosy prospects.

In spite of the recent disappointment. Mr. Langford is still in the game. He must be reckoned with some day. If any sporting gentleman thinks that Sam Langford is going to offer himself some paris green because he finds himself temporarily up a side track with the switch spiked, that gentleman would do well to revise his opinions. Mr. Langford is still alive—peevish, it is true, but still alive. He now states that nothing can bring him joy unless it might be a battle with Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world.

J. Woodman, who does most of Sam's thinking and all of his talking, remarks as follows, to-wit:

"We wanted to lick Ketchel, but he got away." (Pause here for sobs and business with the handkerchief.) "Now that Ketchel is on his way and another man will beat him, we want to get Johnson. Langford gave Johnson 60 pounds and a a tough fight three years ago; Sam can lick him now. Johnson was at his best then; he has slowed up a great deal since that fight, while Langford has been improving every year. We can give Johnson a fight. It might not draw much money, but we can give him all the fight he can use."

No, gentlemen, Mr. Langford is not dead. He is only on a side track, but the switch will not be spiked forever. He will be back on the main line one of these days, and then—BANG!

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CITY AND SOCIETY

Mrs. Maude Taylor, of Louisville, visited in the city Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Bazel has returned from a two weeks' trip to New York.

Mr. Fred Brown, who has been visiting his father, has returned to Chicago.

Mrs. Susie Porter, of Chicago, is visiting relatives in this city and at Plainfield.

Mrs. W. H. Stokes, of Muncie, Ind., was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Norrell last week.

Mrs. Lucy Allen gave a dinner last Saturday for Mrs. I. L. Britton, of Oakland, Cal.

Prof. Bradshaw, of Louisville, was in the city last week, en route from Fort Wayne, Ind.

Messrs. Samuel Dupree and W. B. Grier, of St. Louis, Mo., were in the city last week.

The next session of the A. M. E. annual conference will be held at Allen Chapel in this city.

Dr. B. B. Jackson left Monday for Kansas City, Mo., where he will locate permanently.

Mrs. Lena Porter, of Bloomington, is in the city because of the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Hicks.

Mrs. Effie Sykes left Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Mollie Britton, for Chicago and St. Paul.

Mr. Maurice Shaffer was the guest of Miss Portia Jackson at Washington Court House, Ohio, this week.

Miss Stella Cole, of Leitchfield, Ky., is visiting the Misses Lutts, of 1217 Senate avenue, for a few weeks.

The Woman's Improvement Club met Thursday evening with Mrs. Marinda Elbert in Keystone avenue.

Mrs. May Johnson, who has been spending several weeks in the city, will leave this week to resume traveling.

The Mary Campbell Mite Missionary Society will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Ida Sweeny, in Fayette street.

The Rev. G. H. Shaffer was in the city this week. He is now located at 1315 South Adams street, Marion, Ind.

Mrs. Stella Fisher has returned from a pleasant visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Emily Bartlett, in Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Jessie Samuels received friends Sunday afternoon from 3 to 6, in honor of her guest, Mrs. Ira D. Parks, of Chicago.

Miss Mattie Steele, who has been for the last four months traveling in Europe, is expected to return to the city next week.

Mrs. Louisa Royall has been called to New York City on account of the serious illness of her husband, Attorney O. V. Royall.

Mrs. Stewart, of Senate avenue, has returned from Maxinkuckee, and has gone to Franklin to spend the winter with a family as maid.

Mrs. Charles Hale, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Cleveland and Chicago, returned to her home in this city on Monday.

Mr. Jesse Palmer, the hustling Louisville, Ky., representative of THE FREEMAN, accompanied by Mr. Ike Bricoe, were Sunday visitors.

Mr. J. M. C. Williams entertained a party of friends Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. M. Goodal, 428 North Missouri street.

Mrs. Hicks, a well-known woman of the South Side, underwent a serious operation last week at Dr. J. H. Ward's sanitarium. She is rapidly recovering.

Mesdames Nellie Allen and Jacob Porter returned Thursday from an extended trip to California, where they visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Kate Mann Maker, at Pasadena.

Miss Arlantha Goens, who has made New York her home for five years, was in the city and was the guest of Mrs. Henry Jackson, in Toledo street. She left for Idaho for an indefinite stay.

Ben H. Jones, only son of Gabriel Jones, left Monday for Washington, D. C., where he will enter Howard University to take a preparatory course before entering Sibley College, at New York, to study mechanical engineering.

Regular services at Metropolitan Baptist Church Sunday. Rev. N. R. Payne, A. M., D. D., M. D., will occupy the pulpit. Morning subject, "David, a Typical Warrior." Evening subject, "Divine Goodness Celebrated Communion."

Rev. H. J. Callis has returned from the A. M. E. Zion annual conference, held at Duquoin, Ill., last week. He reports one of the most successful sessions yet held by the conference. There were no changes made in the Indianapolis assignments of the conference.

Mrs. Bly and Mrs. Allison were hostesses for a beautiful luncheon at their residence, in West Tenth street, in honor of Mrs. I. L. Britton. Those present were Mrs. James Banks, Mrs. Lucy Allen, Mrs. William R. Cotty, Mrs. Stella Fisher, Mrs. Sweeney, Mrs. Bertha Turner and Mrs. Effie Sykes.

Mr. Sheridan Davis, formerly of this city, now living at Philadelphia, was in the city a few days ago, en route from Beloit, Wis., where he went to look after the burial of the wife of Homer Tutt, his brother, who was seriously ill at New Orleans and unable to attend the funeral of his wife.

The Rev. W. H. Weaver, of Atlanta, Ga., preached a highly interesting and instructive sermon last Sunday for the Presbyterian Church Society, which holds weekly services at the Robert Gould Shaw School building. Dr. Weaver came at the solicitation of the society to look over the field with a view to becoming its pastor. Dr. Weaver returned to Atlanta Tuesday.

As the time draws near for the opening of the evangelical campaign to be conducted by the colored ministers of Indianapolis, interest in the project is becoming general. The Rev. A. Clayton Powell, of New York, a speaker of much note, will be the evangelist. The campaign will open October 18 at Bethel A. M. E. Church. A meeting was held Wednesday at Jones' Tabernacle to further the arrangements. Rev. H. J. Callis is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

Miss Stella B., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall, was married to Mr. Charles A. Arnold last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents in North Senate avenue. The Rev. J. S. Bailey, pastor of Simpson Chapel, officiated. Miss Sarah Boyer was maid of honor and Mr. Claude Blalock, of Boston, Mass., was best man. Miss Jessie May Johnson played the wedding march. Messrs. Everett Bailey and Taylor Gist were ushers. Mrs. Ella Scott, of Marion, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Caldwell, of Shelbyville, Ind., were among the out-of-town guests.

One of the prettiest luncheons of the season was given Friday afternoon a t4:30 by Mesdames Mary Coleman and Saddie Reed, in the beautiful home of the latter in Sheldon street, in honor of Rev. George Davis and wife, of Philadelphia, Pa. The luncheon was served on small tables tastefully arranged about the dinning room, and were handsomely decorated with doilies, cut flowers and lighted candles. The following teachers of School No. 26 were present: Miss Edith Butler, Mrs. Hattie Gaylord, Miss Sarah Hamler, Miss Carrie Steward and Mr. Long. Musical numbers were rendered by Miss Butler, Mr. Wallace Woolfolk and Mr. Long. Mesdames Reed and Coleman were assisted by Miss Laura Woolfolk. Miss Mary Robinson was among the out-of-town town guests.

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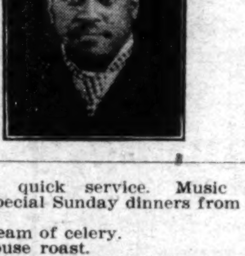

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"DAVID, THE SHEPHERD BOY."

All detailed arrangements necessary for the production of "David, the Shepherd Boy," at Caleb Mills Hall next Wednesday evening have been completed. The last rehearsal will be given at the hall Sunday afternoon in costumes. Already the sale of tickets indicates an overflow, and many out-of-town people will be present. The cast of characters is as follows:

David, Ed Richey.
Abigail, Mrs. Ada Morris.
Michael, Mrs. S. A. Ratliffe.
Attendants—Misses Myrtle Broadie, Edith Finley, Henrietta Davis; Mesdames Rose Hummons, Fannie Lanier, Emma Floyd.
Jonathan, Ed Gaillard.
Saul, Paul Waldron.
Jesse, Arthur Cottman.
Samuel, John Morris.
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Sentinels—Major N. P. Gardner, W. H. Galloway.
Men of War—Jerry Daniels, Robert Kirk, James Board, C. B. Rape, Harry Daniels, H. C. Hoskins.
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The opening week in the Colored Y. M. C. A. was indeed a high success. Never before in the history of the association has the interest been manifested that has been shown during the last week, and a big season's work is apparent. The rooms look splendid in the new paper and fresh paint, making them a very beautiful place to spend a very useful evening.

The gymnasium classes, which are under the direction of the newly appointed physical director, Mr. Harrison J. Mays, were well attended, four classes being conducted in this department—the seniors, business men and professional men, working boys, and juniors.

The Tuesday night Bible class opened with an attendance of twenty-two. This class meets at 7 p. m. and is dismissed at 7:55. All men are invited to join.

The literary, which meets at 8 p. m. Tuesday, is sure to be a success.

The glee club is open to all, and meets on Wednesday, and the orchestra on Friday evening.

On Sunday during October the workers will meet at the association building, and various matters pertaining to this work will be gone over, especially the "monster meeting," which opens on October 31, with Mr. A. H. Godard as the opening speaker.

The new shower baths and lock room that have been added to the association equipment will prove a much-needed addition, and will fill a long-felt want. These have been provided for the membership, and are open from 9:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. at a small additional cost.

The association is feeling the need of more room, as every room in the building will be in use. Even the room used by Secretary Taylor as an office has to be given up for the use of the classes and meetings of some of the organizations of the association. The association's membership is the largest of any colored association in the country, being 400 strong.

BETHEL'S NEW PASTOR.

The Rev. P. A. Smythe, formerly pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church in Detroit, reached the city Friday to take charge of Bethel A. M. E. Church in ths city. He will preach at all the services to-morrow. He is stopping for the present with Mrs. Anna Quinn, 524 North Senate avenue.

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ENTERTAIN VISITORS.

Mr. J. Chipley and Miss Nanine Odin, of Louisville, spent last Sunday in Indianapolis, and were the recipients of a round of pleasures which made their short stay exceedingly pleasant. They were first the guests of Mr. W. H. Fielding, who entertained twenty-two persons to an elaborate dinner in their honor, after which they received a number of Indianapolis society people at the home of Mrs. A. H. Henderson. From here they, with a party, were taken sightseeing in a taxicab by Mrs. Sallie Brown, after which they were taken to the home of Mrs. Brown for a luncheon, to which several friends were invited. They will doubtless keep in memory the pleasant day spent in the Hoosier capital.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

Mr. Henry Bluett left Monday night at 12:30 for Oxford, Miss., to be married to Miss Maggie Gibson, the daughter of A. D. Gibson, one of the wealthy farmers of that country. They will be married at 8:00 o'clock and leave at 9:05 for New Orleans and from New Orleans to Chicago, then return to their home, 702 Kentucky street, Bowlinb Green, Ky. ....Mr. W. E. Houston has returned from Alabama to enter the B. G. Academy. He is now agent for The Freeman and any one desiring the paper will find him at the Academy....Rev. M. H. Mitchum, one of the Academy Theologians, has returned to school and brought several new students.

SECOND BAPTIST'S ALL-DAY RALLY

The all-day rally announced to take place at the Second Baptist Church last Sunday was a flattering success. The morning service was conducted by Rev. B. A. Prince, the pastor, who preached a strongly spiritual sermon. The choir gave special music of a high order. At the close of the service those who desired repaired to the lecture room below, where they were furnished an elegant dinner free of charge. This unusual offering was taken advantage of by more than 150 persons. The toothsome character of the menu and its plentifulness was commented on by all who partook. Rev. K. Warren, of Olivet Baptist Church, preached at 3 o'clock. At night a sacred song service was given, at the close of which the seven clubs organized for the rally reported. Club G, Hilliard Basset, captain, reported $272 and won the banner offered by the church as a prize. The total collection for the rally was over $850.

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The Afro-American Business Club met September 27, for the purpose of advising its members in business ways. Chairman C. E. Miller was the speaker of the hour.....Rev. S. M. Puryear met the A. M. E. Zion conference at Du Quoin, Ill. Miss E. G. Walker also attended the session.

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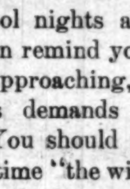

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